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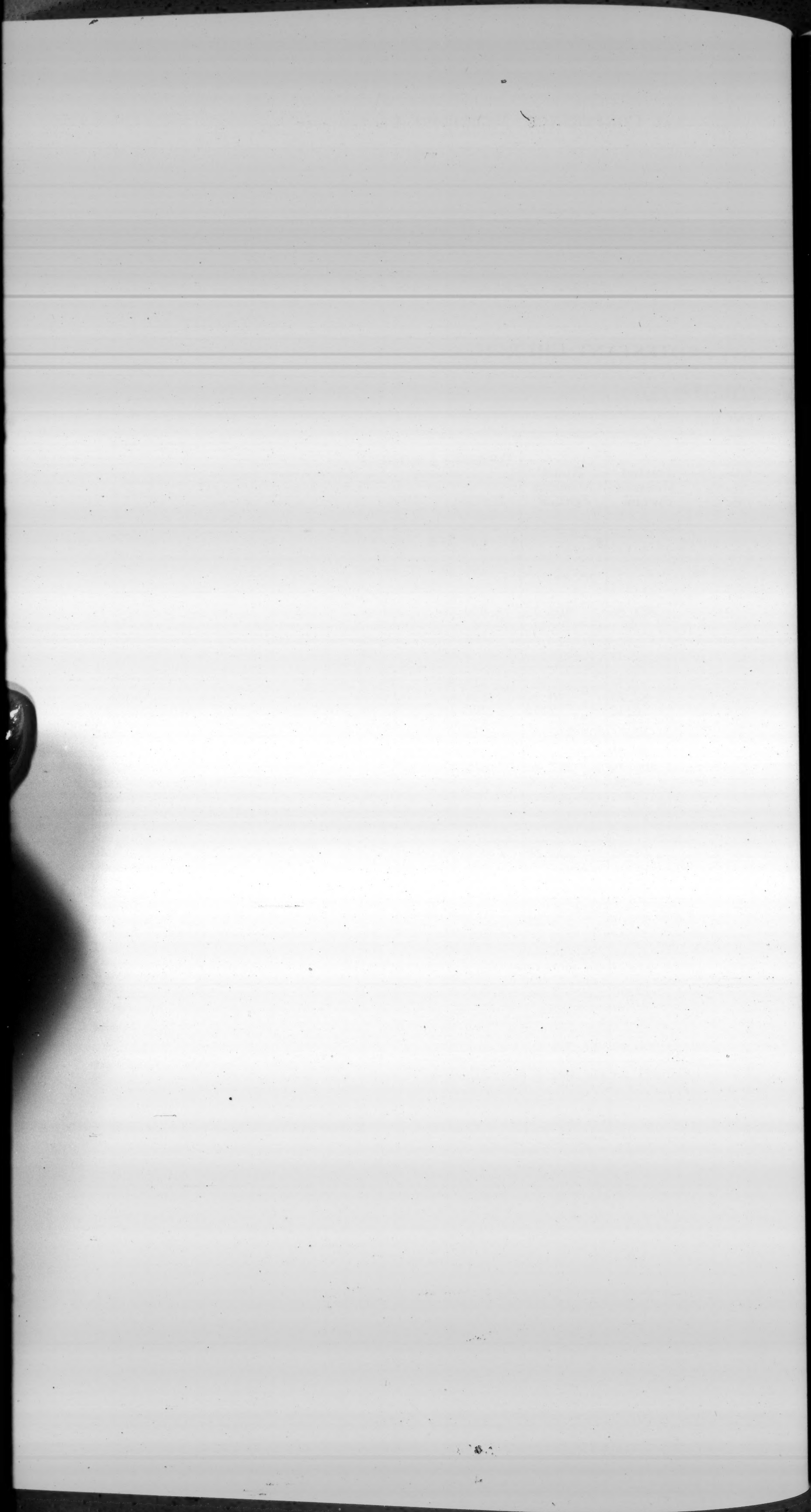
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To the members of the General Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church assembled in First Church, High Point, N. C.:

The Board of Missions herewith submits its report of the work committed to its care for the past four years.

The Board of Missions has come to a close of another quadrennium not with the success hoped for but without material loss of what was accomplished in former years; this by much labor and sacrifice by all workers.

So far as we have ascertained a kind Providence has again spared the lives of the members of the Board, but death laid its hand on the son of the President and Mr. Henry Hupfield and Mr. E. B. McRoberts, the husbands of Mrs. Hupfield and Mrs. McRoberts, members of this Board. We express our profound sympathy with the bereaved.

Miss Brittingham's Election

Mrs. Marie Thompson having previously resigned as Associate Executive Secretary of the Board of Missions, and her resignation accepted, Miss Bettie Brittingham was unanimously elected to said office June 29, 1933.

The Executive Secretary and the Associate Executive Secretary perhaps have never worked more industriously than the last four years and have traveled thousands of miles in an effort to discharge their full duties in looking after the work committed to their care.

HISTORICAL

Since nothing of an historical character has been published in any of our reports since the merger it seemed fitting that at least brief history of the same should appear in this quadrennial report.

Men's Home Department

The missionary spirit has characterized the Methodist Protestant Church from the very beginning of her denominational life. Organized in 1828 in old St. John's Church, Baltimore, Maryland, with few members and no property, thus making the church a real missionary enterprise.

The first statement we have relative to missions, as recorded in Dr. Drinkhouse's History, was in 1834, and there is nothing stated to indicate that any definite steps were taken at that time toward the organization of the church's forces for either home or foreign mission work. From that period, however, in both the Annual and General Conferences, attempts were made to create interest in both departments of the great cause of missions.

In 1850 Rev. John Sexsmith, father of Rev. E. A. Sexsmith, now a member of the General Conference, was sent as a missionary

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cry is heard from every quarter, "Come over and help us." Shall we send the hungry away unfed to die or will the church satisfy the hungry that they may live and that we may live also and grow as a denomination and thus help to spread the Kingdom of God?

America must be Christian, even in the most neglected communities, or the un-Godlike will heathenize America, and as goes America so goes the world. Shall the Kingdom of God spread to the uttermost parts of the earth? It is for the Christian Church to decide and we are God's ambassadors to a lost world. "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature." "Ye shall witness unto Me, both in Jerusalem and in all Judea and in Samaria and unto the uttermost parts of the earth." May the Methodist Protestant Church never lose the missionary spirit and interest, for when she does she will lose her own soul and also be held accountable for the loss of all those she could lead to Christian salvation.

Woman's Home Department

The Woman's Home Missionary Society was organized at Bridgeton, N. J., in 1893, at the conclusion of the annual meeting of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, with headquarters at Washington, D. C., and from that city to Baltimore, Md., in 1916.

Men's Foreign Department

From the beginning of our denominational life the Methodist Protestant Church has been missionary in spirit. At the first General Conference held at Georgetown, D. C., in May, 1834, a Board of Foreign Missions was elected consisting of twelve members, with Rev. S. K. Jennings as chairman, and Baltimore as headquarters of the Board.

In 1837 this Board sent a colored missionary named James to Liberia on the west coast of Africa, to found a Methodist Protestant Mission. He was unable to organize his work, however, because of the limitations of colored people in holding office in the Methodist Protestant Church at that time. Other work has been done in Africa which was made possible by generous individual gifts, and today there are two Methodist Protestant missionaries in that continent, Rev. W. A. Genheimer of the Ohio Conference and Rev. Ernest P. Howard of the Eastern Conference.

At the General Conference of 1850, held in Baltimore a new Board of Foreign Missions was elected with headquarters at Pittsburgh.

Woman's Foreign Department

On February 14, 1879, in the First Methodist Protestant Church of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Methodist Protestant Church was organized. This organization was the outgrowth of interest in foreign missions which was generated through the inspiration received from two orphan girls of Yokohama, Japan, who had been supported by a small group of missionary minded Methodist Protestant women through the Union Missionary Society of New York. In 1880, the year following its organization, the W.F.M.S. was heartily endorsed by the General Conference.

From this small beginning an organization was developed comprising twenty-three Annual Conference Branches, with a membership of about 10,000. The income the first year was \$318.16. This was increased during the years to annual receipts of about \$60,000, which made possible an extensive amount of definite work on the foreign fields. At present there are about 700 women's auxiliaries with approximately 27,000 members.

Then followed the Union Board of Foreign Missionary Administration at the General Conference in 1924.

to Missouri. He located near what is now the town of Kahoka. Here he met a few Methodist Protestant families who had emigrated from the East. Brother Sexsmith at once organized a society and built a small church, and from this little nucleus we have the Methodist Protestant constituency now located in Western Illinois, Southwestern Iowa and Northeastern Missouri. Within this area there are now a number of well organized circuits and stations and fine church buildings.

In 1852 Daniel Bagley of Illinois was appointed by the General Conference a missionary to Oregon. As a result of his pioneer labors we have our splendid churches in Seattle. Had it not been for the Civil War, which started in 1861 and which seriously retarded the progress of the Christian Church throughout the whole country, we would probably now have several strong conferences in that far western country.

In the Journal of the General Conference in 1883, we have the record of the election of Rev. F. T. Tagg, D.D., as secretary of the Board of Home and Foreign Missions. Later in the session of this same General Conference, Rev. W. M. Strayer offered a resolution relating to the organization of a Church Extension Society. This was referred to a special committee. The committee reported as follows: We recognize the importance of the establishment of a more effective agency for the building of our church in the United States and territories. We have considered the question of name, and are of the opinion that the name Home Extension would lead to a confusion on account of there being in many conferences Home Extension organizations, and therefore propose the name of 'The Board of Home Missions of the Methodist Protestant Church.' This resolution was adopted.

This was the launching of this great movement in our church for the spread of the gospel and the extension of the borders of the denomination throughout this vast country, and after nearly fifty years of missionary activity we have reason to rejoice notwithstanding the recent years of financial depression. During the first quadrennium of its service the Board received for its work \$15,098.15. During the quadrennium which closed May 1, 1928, the receipts were \$158,959.25.

From a very small beginning and extremely small resources the Board has organized or aided in the organization and support of churches in 25 states of the Union and in every annual conference now in existence, while financial help has been extended to not less than 150 local churches. In many instances the aid given has saved churches from failure and in others brought encouragement and inspiration resulting in such missions growing into large flourishing congregations with splendid church edifices. These have not only ministered to their local communities, but have contributed to the support of the missionary, educational and other institutions of the denomination. It is not possible to estimate the full results of the Board's achievements in the money given the churches assisted. We have at least one hundred more churches and one hundred more pastors, thirty or forty thousand more members and at least half a million dollars more property than we would have, had there been no Board of Home Missions. This result is worthy of all our efforts and offerings to the cause of missions. Its efforts and influence far exceed any mathematical calculations that might be made either for the denomination or of our Lord's Kingdom.

We never were as well equipped to do missionary work as today. Fields were never more inviting, doors of opportunity never wider open and calls for help were never so loud and insistent or so numerous. Our present financial income will not permit the granting of more than one dollar in ten dollars of the requests that come to the Board for help, all of which are important. The real Macedonian

sionary Society, the respective Presidents of the two women's societies to be among the women so selected.

6. That the officers of the Board shall be a President, a Vice President, and a Recording Secretary, who shall be elected annually by the Board.

7. That the Board shall elect annually two men and two women, who with the Executive Secretaries shall constitute the Executive Committee of the Board, and shall perform all the functions of the Board in the interim of the Board meetings.

8. That five of the men elected on the Board, together with the Corresponding Secretary constitute the Board of Foreign Missions, and that five of the men elected on the Board together with the Corresponding Secretary constitute the Board of Home Missions.

9. That those parts of the charters of the Board of Foreign Missions, of the Board of Home Missions, of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society and the Woman's Home Missionary Society relating to properties remain operative during the quadrennium.

10. That the Board of Missions be authorized to secure immediately a charter changing all items in the charters of the Board of Foreign Missions, the Board of Home Missions, the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society and the Woman's Home Missionary Society, except those of property rights, so as to harmonize them with these recommendations.

11. That nothing in these recommendations shall be so interpreted as to immediately interfere with the present method of organization and work of the local Auxiliaries and Branches of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society and the Woman's Home Missionary Society, but that both of these woman's societies amend their constitutions so as to correspond with these recommendations, and effect this unification in the Branches and Auxiliaries as soon as practicable. Thus we have the present missionary set up in the interest of world salvation.

Merger Completed

We are glad to report that the merger of the W.F.M.S., and the W.H.M.S., with the Board of Missions has been completed and all properties of the same properly vouched for and turned over to the Board of Missions. Mr. F. Murray Benson deserves thanks for his legal assistance in this and other matters.

HOME FIELD

The scriptural plan is to begin our missionary work at home. There is no greater field with opportunities abundant. No field has been more neglected and suffered more during the last few years. The home mission spirit is not waning but on the increase and with an increased dissatisfaction because the denomination has been able to do so little in the home field the past quadrennium. Appropriations have been reduced to a minimum and many cut off altogether. We have projected only one new church enterprise since the last General Conference. That is being promoted largely on faith rather than cash. None of the churches, however, has been closed so far as we have knowledge. We trust that the coming quadrennium will have in store for the Board of Missions a much better financial income that the work may expand to the extent of the need and demands. We hereby submit a detailed report of the work committed to the care of the Board of Missions.

Board of Missions

At the General Conference held at Baltimore in May, 1928, the Board of Missions was created. The committee on Foreign Missions of that body brought before the assembly a report recommending that a Union Board of Foreign Missions be formed, composed of five members of the Foreign Mission Board and five members of the W.F.M.S., which was adopted. It was ordered that the plan of uniting all the missionary organizations under one Board be referred to a committee on Home Missions and a committee on Foreign Missions acting jointly. This committee brought in the following report, which was adopted:

REPORT OF JOINT COMMITTEE ON MISSIONARY CONSOLIDATION to the General Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church—May 22, 1928.

"Your committees on Foreign Missions and Home Missions, acting as a joint committee, to consider the question on consolidating all of the missionary activities of the Church, as referred to us, have given exhaustive consideration to this subject, and herewith submit our recommendations which incorporate the plan of organization which has been adopted in consolidating the two foreign missionary units. The plan of organization which is recommended in this report is simply an expansion of the unification of the foreign missionary units so as to incorporate also the two home missionary units of the Church, and we recommend that any points of the previous action of this Conference covering foreign missionary unification, which may not harmonize with the recommendations contained in this report we are now submitting, shall be so adjusted as to harmonize therewith, the recommendations covered by this report to take precedence and be considered as Conference action in lieu thereof.

1. That this General Conference create a Board of Missions, to which shall be entrusted the work now being done by the Union Board of Foreign Missionary Administration, the Board of Home Missions and the Woman's Home Missionary Society.

2. That this Board shall consist of ten men and ten women, six of the men being ministers. The President of the General Conference to be an ex officio member of this Board.

3. That two executive secretaries be selected, the one a man, the other a woman; the former to be known as the Corresponding Secretary of the Board, whose duties shall be those performed hitherto by the Corresponding Secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions and the Corresponding Secretary of the Board of Home Missions, and such other duties as the Board may assign; and the latter to be known as the Associate Corresponding Secretary of the Board, whose duties shall be those now performed by the Corresponding Secretary and the Treasurer of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, the Editor of the Missionary Record, the Secretary of Scholarships and Native Workers, and corresponding officers of the Woman's Home Missionary Society, as also any other promotional work involving expense. The election of the Associate Corresponding Secretary shall be left to the Board to act within the next three or six months.

4. That these executive secretaries shall be members ex-officio of the Board.

5. That the Joint Committee on Foreign Missions and on Home Missions recommend to the General Conference for election as the original Board the names of ten men and ten women, three of the women to be selected from each of the Executive Committees of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society and the Woman's Home Mis-

Magnolia

At this point there is a fine brick church which cost some few years ago \$35,000. The Board of Missions has contributed toward this work for some years. We have contributed to this church during the quadrennium about \$1,100, \$500.00 of which was contributed the past year toward debt. This last gift has been a source of considerable encouragement to the people. The total indebtedness to date is about \$7,000. We believe the church is able now to take care of its own debt although they are asking for an appropriation for another year. Rev. J. A. Wade is the pastor. He is serving the church at considerable financial sacrifice to himself.

EASTERN CONFERENCE

This conference offers many fertile fields for Methodist Protestant churches but we are not financially able to enter them. Rev. C. S. Kidd is the President.

Ventnor City, Trinity Church

This is a new church comparatively, and cost about \$80,000. We have contributed \$600.00 on debt this quadrennium and the Board of Missions holds a mortgage for \$5,000 against this property providing the enterprise fails. This church has had a very severe struggle for the past several years owing to the financial depression among its people. Rev. George D. Jones is the pastor and has served a long time in this capacity.

FLORIDA MISSION CONFERENCE

Rev. W. R. Goss is the President of this Conference. The outstanding work in recent years in this conference is the gift of Rev. and Mrs. Goss of a beautiful church building in Orlando Florida. They have deeded the same to the Board of Missions. This property originally cost about \$35,000. Rev. Mr. Goss, including repairs, spent about \$12,000 for the property. They have no debt. This property was dedicated to Methodist Protestant usage in February, 1935. Rev. J. C. Broomfield, D.D., President of the General Conference, preached the dedicatory sermon. The Executive Secretary of the Board of Missions preached on Sunday evening. This church recently extended a unanimous invitation to Rev. T. C. Jones of the Maryland Conference to become its pastor. Brother Jones has accepted and doubtless is on his way to his new field of labor. We believe there is a future for the Methodist Protestant Church in and around Orlando. The Board of Missions has contributed about \$100.00 a year for the last four years to the work in the Florida Mission Conference. We have pledged \$200 to Orlando on salary for one year only. The Executive Committee permitted us to appropriate to this work not to exceed \$300.

Orlo Vista

Rev. W. I. Irwin, pastor. This church has added \$3,000 worth of improvements to its building the last year or so which has been paid for. Brother Irwin is doing a fine work at this point and it is steadily developing under his leadership.

Our work in the churches in north Florida are doing about the same sort of work that has characterized them in past years.

FORT SMITH-OKLAHOMA CONFERENCE

Rev. W. C. Mathes is the new president of this conference, having succeeded Rev. M. L. Mathews who served a full term of five years. This conference is characterized to a considerable extent by a revival spirit. A number of congregations have been organized in recent years but they seem to increase the dependency of the work of this conference.

Easter and Children's Day

The Board of Missions has prepared regularly the Easter and Children's Day services according to General Conference direction as economically as possible in keeping with creditable services.

It is doubtful that the Board of Missions receipts are more than 60% or 70% of the offerings received for these special days. Many churches and pastors divide the receipts between local expenses and the Board of Missions.

We believe that more and more of our churches and schools are using these services with helpful effect.

Women's Auxiliary Quotas

For the past several years there has been an increasing demand to decrease the amount apportioned to the various Auxiliaries. This of course is done in the interest of raising 100% of the quota. We find in some instances where the Auxiliary raises nearly as much money as before their quotas were reduced and use all above their quotas for other purposes. We should take notice of this.

Bureau of Architecture

Such a bureau has been authorized but nothing more than some preliminary work has been done thus far. There has been little or no church building for the past several years. Mr. Harry Viehman of Pittsburgh, Pa., is our denominational architect.

Rural Work

Special Rural Work Days should be observed throughout the church in behalf of community interests, spiritual and social fellowship as well as financial aid.

Sanctuary Day

Sanctuary Day is being observed by a number of denominations in the interest of real spiritual worship, the sanctity and sacredness of the church building, teaching reverence for God's house and taking the very best care of the same.

Seminary Course

During the senior year at the Seminary there should at least be delivered a course of lectures on business administration of churches and church architecture, public speaking and missions. These are practical and vital matters with which ministers have to deal after entering upon their life's work.

Home and Foreign Missions Conferences

The Board of Missions has continued its membership in the Foreign and Home Missions Councils, also in the Federation of Women's Boards of Foreign Missions and the Council of Women for Home Missions. We have made a small annual contribution toward their support. Your Executive Secretary, Associate Executive Secretary and the President of the General Conference are serving on important committees. These Councils mean much to the various denominations which comprise them. Every denomination should be represented. The information and education as well as inspiration received from these Council meetings are well worth our time and the small amount of money they cost.

ARKANSAS CONFERENCE

Rev. J. E. Butler, D.D., Haynesville, Louisiana, is the President of the above named conference and is rendering fine service. The Board of Missions contributed \$266.67 the first year of this quadrennium, toward President's salary. We have contributed nothing since.

F. Langdon is the pastor. This church should not be lost to our denomination.

Southfield Church

Rev. Smith Harper of the Indiana Conference is the pastor. This church has better property than Wakeford and only about \$6,000 or \$7,000 mortgage against it. The mortgage to this property is held by the same bank. I think they are able to manage the situation without assistance.

The Illinois Conference has paid the \$100.00 loaned to it by the Board of Missions a few years ago.

INDIANA CONFERENCE

Rev. Fred Clarke is the president of this conference and is proving himself an efficient leader.

Frankfort

The Board of Missions holds title to this property. It is valuable and in a thriving town and has a bright future. Rev. C. J. Kerlin is the efficient pastor.

Indianapolis, Grace Church

This church has been tentatively sold to the Northside Baptist Church, colored, for \$5,000. They have paid \$200 on account with a note for \$300 more to be paid in June. It is a good thing to get rid of this property at any cost because there are expenses upon the same every year.

Grace Church Parsonage

The parsonage has been sold to Rev. W. M. Harris for \$3,500 on a rental basis. He is supposed to pay \$35.00 monthly but he has fallen far short of this, and unless he does better we suggest that the Board of Missions take the property over and either rent or sell it to someone else. We have written him to this effect.

Logansport

Rev. H. L. Avery is the pastor. This church is taking on new life under the present pastor. Brother Avery is pushing everything possible in the interest of this charge and is meeting with considerable success. The people seem to be encouraged. Their great need is a church building. The Board of Missions some years ago purchased and paid for the site for the new building. We trust in the future it may be possible for them to erect a commodious church building. This is one of the enterprises in which the Board of Missions should manifest substantial assistance. We are contributing toward pastor's salary at present \$150.00 per year.

IOWA-MISSOURI CONFERENCE

Rev. W. H. Betz is the president and has proven himself to be a fine and wise leader.

Keokuk

This is a very fine church property built some years ago by the Board of Home Missions. It has quite a large membership and is self-supporting. The title of this property vests in the Board of Missions. Rev. J. A. Harp is the pastor.

Newton

Rev. W. W. Steinmetz is the young, active and zealous pastor of this church. It is burdened with debt and struggling for an existence. The present debt is about \$30,000 with a largely depleted membership unable to meet their obligations. At their last annual conference the Executive Secretary of this Board was told they saw

The Board of Missions has contributed to the work at Quinton, Oklahoma and Ft. Smith, Arkansas. The Board of Missions holds title to Hugo and Quinton Churches. This conference is real missionary ground.

GEORGIA CONFERENCE

Rev. W. M. Hunton is the president and is doing a very good work. Georgia has taken on some new life in the past five years, one evidence of which is the organization of a Branch of women's work.

Atlanta, Centenary Church

The Board has met its obligation of \$5,000 toward this church property. It is not well located and can never be a strong church where it is. The field for the Methodist Protestant denomination is not in the immediate vicinity. It would be a step forward if this property could be disposed of and a new site purchased elsewhere in Atlanta.

ILLINOIS CONFERENCE

Rev. F. B. Hanna is the president of this conference. We have not contributed anything toward the work of this conference for the past quadrennium. This Board contributed annually toward president's salary until they discontinued the traveling presidency.

Chicago

Much of our church work in this city has been badly managed. Chatham and Avalon Park have slipped from us largely because of financial overburden and disloyalty to our denomination on the part of the members.

Wakeford Church

Wakeford Church is struggling for its life financially. Some years ago they built an expensive educational unit to the church and mortgaged the entire plant for \$30,000, which mortgage was held by a bank that closed in 1931. They have paid little or nothing on either mortgage or interest since the bank closed. The said bank has settled 60% of the claims upon it and now are trying to get all they can out of collateral that does not seem to be worth much. We were hastily summoned to Chicago recently to see what could be done with this property. We preached to a full house of young people on Sunday morning and addressed a young people's organization of about 80 persons in the evening. They are young and enthusiastic but they haven't any money. This burdensome debt has broken the morale of this congregation and they have practically thrown up their hands. On Monday we visited the bank and had a conference with the assistant receiver. He first made a proposition that the bank would settle for \$10,000, canceling \$20,000. I said to him that \$10,000 was as impossible as \$30,000 with the present membership. He wanted to know what the church could pay. I said possibly it could raise \$3,000 or \$4,000. He did not seem inclined to even consider that but about the time the conference was about to close he asked if they could raise \$5,000. My reply was that possibly they could if given time. He promised to take the matter up with the receiver and let the church know what the bank was willing to do in the matter. I met with the Board of Trustees of the local church and after considerable conference they agreed if they could get the bank to accept \$5,000 in full settlement they would make an honest effort to raise \$1,000 a year including interest until the amount was paid. We believe this church has a fine future. It is good property and well worth saving. They would like the Board of Missions to come to their assistance and indeed take a deed to the property that it might not finally go as did Avalon Park. Rev. B.

new brick store building now being erected. The farm is productive and yields sufficient produce to practically feed the boarding students. The operating expense is about \$20,000 annually or \$80,000 for the quadrennium. Of this sum the Board of Missions has appropriated \$4,000 per year, or \$16,000 for the quadrennium. The remainder is made up from profits from the school, farm, store and donations from church organizations and individuals. Rev. G. W. Andrew and his able workers are enjoying continued success. Assets \$100,000. Liabilities about \$5,000 which is the cost of the new store building and other property improvements. It is the hope of the superintendent to cancel this debt in a few years from gifts and profits.

MARYLAND CONFERENCE

Philadelphia, Emmanuel Church

This Board holds title to this property and originally invested about \$25,000 in this enterprise. While the church is still open for service the work is simply dragging along. The membership has become so depleted that it is not able to meet the current expenses from year to year. We believe the best thing to do with this property is to sell it as soon as a purchaser can be had and let the few members join other churches in the neighborhood. The Board loaned them \$1,600 with which to liquidate a debt to the Pierce School Building & Loan Association of \$2,000. We hold the note of the above church for the \$1,600 with a promise if they do not pay the interest on the same the Maryland Conference will do so. They have paid the interest thus far. Rev. D. K. Sturgis is the pastor of Emmanuel Church.

Taylor Memorial Church

We have here a very creditable property and a successful church. Rev. N. C. Clough is the pastor. The title to this property invests in the Board of Missions. They have had quite a struggle the past few years due to their inability to meet their financial obligations.

Washington, Calvary Church

This congregation has built a neat new brick structure at a cost of about \$30,000. The Board of Missions donated about \$2,500 and loaned \$2,500 at 2% per annum. They have paid the interest regularly. This enterprise is doing very well indeed under the pastorate of Rev. T. G. Betschler.

Lewis Memorial

The Thomas Hamilton Lewis Memorial is an entirely new organization situated in northwest Washington in a most delightful community, a large part of which is unchurched. We believe that this will in the near future become one of the most successful church enterprises we have. The contract was let recently for a \$50,000 structure with a basement for Sunday school purposes at present. They have also built a new parsonage at a cost of \$10,000. This Board has committed itself to \$2,500 a year for four years in connection with this enterprise. Rev. J. A. Trader is the pastor. Our denomination needs an outstanding church in the Capitol of the nation.

MICHIGAN CONFERENCE

Adrian

The Board of Missions loaned this church \$1,000 some years ago. It is more than past due. We have received this year \$110.00 on account. This church recognizes its obligation to our Board.

nothing to do but to keep all the money that they raised for World Service and apply it toward their debt in order to save the property. We advised them against this but made a proposition that when they raised \$500 toward the debt the Board of Missions would donate \$500. They finally agreed to accept this proposition. It is a fine and new church building. We sincerely hope that the creditors will not foreclose.

KANSAS CONFERENCE

Rev. L. E. Dixon is the aggressive president of this conference. The Board of Missions has been assisting churches in this conference for a number of years particularly in Kansas City. The Board at present holds title to Stephens Memorial and Westheight properties in Kansas City.

Kansas City, Stephens Memorial

Rev. Owen W. Prince of the Maryland Conference is the present pastor and is meeting with considerable encouragement in the work. The people have become very fond of him and his family. Rev. Prince succeeded Rev. W. M. Snyder who resigned to accept a pastorate in Seattle, Washington. This church owes the Board of Missions about \$3,500. We are not appropriating anything to this work at present. The Board of Missions did make a special donation of \$75.00 to Rev. Prince this year in view of the heavy expense of moving his family to his new charge.

Westheight Church

Rev. J. A. Witmer is the pastor. He succeeded Rev. Kyle Murray who died very suddenly about a year ago. Rev. Murray did a fine piece of work at Westheight. The title to this church and parsonage property invests in the Board of Missions.

Gordon Place Church

Rev. W. R. Clower is the pastor. This Board purchased a valuable lot on which to erect a new church building for the Gordon Place congregation. We believe they have finally decided, however, to repair the church in the present location rather than build a new church on a new site. If they finally determine to do this we would suggest that the Board of Missions sell the above mentioned lot. Brother Clower is doing a fine constructive work at Gordon Place. This Board is contributing \$200.00 a year toward pastor's salary and we believe it is money well spent in this case.

KENTUCKY CONFERENCE

Rev. D. A. Hewlette is the president. This is a very weak conference with little missionary spirit. Little or no progress has been made in our work here for some years.

Pine Ridge, Alvan Drew School

Alvan Drew School, located at Pine Ridge, is the most and about the only successful enterprise within the bounds of this conference.

This is the 25th anniversary year of the beginning of this school, and May the anniversary month. It is hoped that every church will participate in this celebration. The Board of Missions has prepared a tentative program for those who may want to use it and the same is published in the Methodist Protestant-Recorder and Missionary Record of April issues. A free will offering is solicited for the school.

Pine Ridge has had an almost phenomenal growth from a small beginning to a very creditable educational institution. During the present year the school has enrolled about 214 students and 17 teachers and helpers. It has a fine group of buildings, among them the

hood does not offer a very great opportunity for success. While a fine residential section we understand that the homes are occupied by students attending the state university which means that the population is not a stable one. Some years ago the Board of Missions gave its consent to the local congregation to borrow \$5,000 for improvements to the church and parsonage properties with the understanding that the local church would meet all expenses and pay off the loan without further assistance from the Board. They have not been able to do this. The past four years the Board has paid on salary and taxes and interest and a monthly payment on principal which amounts to more than \$2,000. It has been a question for some time what to do with this property. Rev. F. L. Brown is the talented and faithful pastor. He has done what he could and that is as much as perhaps any other man could have done, but progress has been very slow. At a meeting of the Church Extension Board of the Ohio Conference they felt if the Board of Missions could get a purchaser for the property they would concur in its sale.

Dillonvale

This is a town of mostly foreign born population. Their principal work is mining coal. A few years ago a kindergarten and social settlement work was begun. It has met with sympathy and success beyond a reasonable expectation. The children are becoming Christians. Mrs. Hazel Greenwald is the very efficient superintendent. The cost of operating is about \$1,200 a year including superintendent's salary.

ONONDAGA CONFERENCE

Rev. H. B. Loomis is the President. This conference is not large but historical and composed of very fine people.

Rochester, New York

We have a very fine church, in the beautiful suburb of this city, which cost \$40,000. The Board of Missions contributed \$10,000 toward the proposition. This is one of the outstanding successes in our home field of recent years. We have assisted this church only one year during the quadrennium and that to the amount of \$191.67. It is self-supporting at this time, with a growing church membership and an increasing school. The successful pastor is Rev. G. C. Weaver. He and his wife are very popular in the community.

PITTSBURGH CONFERENCE

Rev. J. W. Hawley is the President. The work of this conference is well organized and stabilized.

Pittsburgh, Squirrel Hill Church

This church was indebted to the Board of Missions for \$3,500 loaned some years ago. The debt has been canceled during the quadrennium by vote of the Executive Committee.

Uniontown, First Church

We have here a very fine church building and a well organized congregation but a very, very heavy debt, almost if not entirely beyond the ability of the members to manage the same. For a number of years this Board contributed \$1,200 annually toward the interest. The Board appropriated \$500 the past year. Rev. W. M. Douglass is the pastor.

TEXAS CONFERENCE

President, J. A. Richardson. The work of this conference is still forging ahead. The Board of Missions is not helping any church in Texas at this time.

Adrian Lots

Two lots were donated some years ago by Rev. S. Heininger to the W.F.M.S. They have not proven an asset. We have tried for several years to sell the same but have not been successful thus far.

Detroit, First Church

This is a fine church property largely made possible by financial assistance rendered by the Board of Missions. The Board appropriated \$10,000 to this enterprise and has met in full its obligation. The church is succeeding very well under the leadership of Rev. H. J. Hescott.

Harger Memorial Church

This is a very good church and is also practically new. This church was made possible by the liberal contribution of the Board of Missions. Rev. J. W. McCue is the pastor and doing a fine work.

Hancock

This is a closed church. Its title is held by our Board. We have offered this property several times for \$100.00 but have not succeeded in selling it. It may not be worth that sum at present.

MISSISSIPPI CONFERENCE**Meridian**

This church enterprise was started under Drs. Lewis and Sheridan when they were in the general offices of the church. They have a very creditable church building but not succeeding as well as it should. The present debt is somewhat burdensome. The Board is contributing toward this enterprise at present \$240.00 per year. We believe that this church can meet its obligations without much help from this Board. Rev. J. T. Williamson is the pastor.

The Mississippi Conference covers considerable territory. It has about twice as many preachers as it has appointments. Rev. T. R. Pugh is the president.

NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE

Rev. R. M. Andrews is the president. Financially the work in this conference is in very much better shape than a few years ago.

Greensboro, Grace Church

This is a beautiful and one of the most expensive church buildings in the denomination. This congregation has met with serious financial loss in recent years. Indeed some of the most substantial people in the congregation lost all they had. They made a strong appeal to the Board of Missions more than four years ago for assistance and the Board consented to appropriate \$1,000 a year for four years and do its best to meet this assumed obligation. We have paid to date \$3,500. Rev. Elwood Carroll is the pastor and is doing good work. They are asking further aid from this Board.

OHIO CONFERENCE

The Board of Missions has been closely identified with this conference for a number of years.

Cincinnati, Mt. Lookout Church

The Board of Missions some years ago contributed \$10,000 to this church enterprise. It is another one of those basement churches, we believe not in the best location, certainly not the best sort of a structure to attract people. The Board has contributed \$175.00 toward pastor's salary. It has made no contribution to the same for the past two years.

Columbus, First Church

The Board of Missions holds title to this splendid church property but it has never been a flourishing congregation. The neighbor-

WEST VIRGINIA CONFERENCE

A great deal of money in time past has been spent in this conference and has been among some of the best investments the Board of Missions has ever made. As a result of this we have Morgantown, Clarksburg, Weston, Grafton, Parkersburg and Spencer, all of which are in a prosperous condition and self-sustaining. The President of this conference is Rev. G. H. Snyder. One year during this quadrennium this Board contributed \$150.00 toward interest on the new lot purchased for the Parkersburg new church. They have not erected a church building thus far.

New Congregations and Churches

A communication was sent the Presidents of 21 Annual Conferences and 16 sent in replies, stating 36 new congregations had been organized and 30 new church buildings erected during the quadrennium just closed. While most of them were of smaller type, yet, this shows commendable zeal and progress.

FOREIGN FIELD

In some respects our foreign work is in much better condition than for several years. There is perfect harmony so far as we know among the missionaries themselves and also among the native workers and missionaries. Commendable progress has been made during the quadrennium. For the past year we have paid the entire appropriation to these fields monthly. The extra burden placed upon the workers by the depression has been met in a beautiful spirit of sacrificial service. We must not be content with simply conserving our work but extend our missionary territory and expand the work if larger success is to be obtained. This, however, will mean more missionaries and more money and the church is able to furnish both.

INDIA

India is the last foreign field we entered but is not the least important of our work. It was taken over by the Methodist Protestant Church in 1907 and affords the greatest possible opportunity for missionary effort. Today the work in India is responding to the gospel teaching and preaching more readily than ever. The higher caste is responding more favorably to missionary appeals.

Evangelistic

Rev. Cassen has charge of this work and he with his native workers tour the field in the evangelistic effort for about five or six months of the year with encouraging results. It has been decided by the mission to exchange nine districts in the northwestern part of our territory with the Swedish Alliance Mission. This exchange will be of advantage to both churches. A convention of the Godaveri Valley Church Council of the United Church of Northern India, to which our Dhulia Church belongs, was held September, 1935, with a most pleasant and happy experience enjoyed by all concerned.

Educational

Because of the financial depression our India educational work underwent a complete change a year or two ago. Now the majority of scholars are attending the public school to great advantage to them and also to our work. At the conclusion of the school day these same scholars are assembled together for Biblical instruction by our missionaries. This seems to be quite satisfactory, all things considered, and less expensive to the Board of Missions.

Boys' Orphanage

This is a most important work in which our mission is engaged under the faithful and efficient superintendency of Miss Mildred Mis-

Paris

We have a struggling church in this beautiful city with fairly good church property. The location perhaps is not the best. We are not rendering any support to this enterprise at present. The present pastor is Rev. L. D. Boatman. The property is owned by the Board of Missions.

San Angelo

This church has been self-supporting for a number of years. This property also vests in the Board of Missions. The Official Board, however, is anxious to have the property deeded to the local Trustees for the use and benefit of the denomination. Our policy has been to grant this request of local churches when we are assured they are able to meet their own financial obligations. The deed of transfer to the property has been prepared and forwarded to the said Official Board. Rev. J. F. Aaron is the pastor.

TEXHOMA MISSION CONFERENCE

This conference was authorized a few years ago by action of the General Conference. Rev. A. T. Hill is the President. He is industrious and a successful leader among his people. Many congregations have been organized. The revival spirit seems to be the dominating spirit of this conference. Our Board has contributed \$150.00 the past year toward President's salary.

WASHINGTON MISSION CONFERENCE

This conference is far away yet at heart is very near. The work is succeeding as well as anywhere in our church today. We have three churches in this conference, situated in Seattle. All three of these churches have fine buildings with good parsonages and are doing excellent work. Perhaps the work as a whole was never in better condition than at present.

First Church

This property is worth \$100.00 and free from debt. Rev. A. G. Lynch is the pastor, having succeeded Rev. Clyde Havens. His people seem very fond of him and he is doing very well. This property also belongs to the Board of Missions.

Ravenna Church

During the last quadrennium it was freed from debt and Rev. W. L. Hoffman, then the pastor, resigned and went back to the Maryland Conference, of which he was a member. His successor was Rev. W. H. Hodges. The work does not seem to be as flourishing as in former years. The people seem fond of the pastor and have requested that he be continued as pastor for another year. His term of five years has about expired. We are contributing nothing toward the support of this church at present.

Sea View Church

We have here a splendid new church property well organized and an enthusiastic membership. Rev. T. G. Betschler resigned during the quadrennium and was succeeded by Rev. W. M. Snyder who has endeared himself very much to the people and the work never moved along more pleasantly and successfully at Sea View than at present. In former years we contributed \$1,400 a year; then it was reduced to \$700. At present we are contributing \$300. This is the only church in Seattle we are assisting financially at this time.

WASHINGTON-BALTIMORE DISTRICT MISSION CONFERENCE (COLORED)

The work in this conference the last quadrennium has not moved along so pleasantly. They seem to be jealous of each other and the work remains static.

CHINA

The Methodist Protestant Church has been operating in this field for twenty-five years with commendable results. The twenty-fifth anniversary was celebrated more than a year ago. One of our missionaries states that during this time much good has been done, institutions have been founded, leaders have been trained and there is an increasing number of Christian worshipers in our churches, resulting in renewed interest in and financial gain to the work. The work has met with discouragements for the past several years owing to the war agitation but without much if any danger to our people.

The native leadership in our Chinese work is weak and the China Mission through the Board of Missions is asking to make possible the education of at least two promising students by permitting them to attend our colleges in America. Trained leadership is the hope of our Chinese work. There should be individuals and churches who by special contribution should make these scholarships possible. The expense of the same, however, will necessitate an outlay of several thousand dollars.

Evangelistic

This work during the past year and quadrennium has progressed quite well under the circumstances. Our missionaries are deeply interested in the evangelistic work and special meetings are being conducted almost continuously, resulting in many professions. We mention here one very interesting incident of the daughter of a non-converted mother who was converted and became a devout Christian. The mother was set against her daughter's religion and did not want to listen to what she had to say about the same and indeed tried to discourage the daughter in every way possible. The daughter became sick and as she lay on her death bed called the family to her and sang Chinese hymns in which was included the thought of God coming to change the world and the love of Jesus also able to save all sinners, and that beautiful heavenly home prepared for the followers of Jesus. After she finished singing she could say no more to her mother and that afternoon she went to her heavenly home. The mother then felt sorry for her sins and decided to give herself to the Lord. She, her husband and children were baptized.

As a result of the work among the prisoners three were converted and proved the sincerity of their conversion. Because of this they were released before their term expired. They are now telling the story of Jesus to others. Out of 28 women prisoners only two were able to read until they were taught the ten commandments, the Lord's Prayer and the catechism by our missionaries.

Under the evangelistic department is conducted regularly children's meetings with some 30 to 50 in attendance. There is one little blind girl who has not missed a meeting since they began. The other children bring her and take her home from these meetings, and at the same time our missionaries are visiting the homes of the parents of these children and presenting to them the gospel.

The women's evangelistic work in charge of Mrs. Wu is going steadily on with results that are very encouraging to all concerned. There have been a number of baptisms during the past year. The Thursday women's meetings held in Kalgan have been very well attended. Different ones are asked to bring spiritual and evangelistic messages which are gladly received and make a profound impression upon the hearers. One of the women workers held 84 meetings in the church recently with a total attendance of 1,056, 12 meetings in the homes with a total attendance of 187, 22 calls in the homes of church members and 39 at the homes of non-church members, at the same time carrying on a little school with an average enrollment of

kimen. In connection with the orphanage work there are very small children and some babies. A number of babies have been committed to our care during the past year. Miss Miskimen expects to return to this work at an early date. During Miss Miskimen's furlough Dr. Lacy took charge of the orphans. They have all been well except for slight colds. Since June Dr. Lacy states they have taken in six new babies which averaged almost one a month.

Medical and Hospital

We have no more important work in India than the medical and hospital work. The hospital is about one-third self-supporting at present. Certainly the denomination at large ought to furnish the other two-thirds required for full support. To operate the hospital necessitates an outlay of \$200.00 a month. We sincerely trust that the Suvarta Hospital in India will never have to be closed as long as there are afflicted persons who need treatment.

The dispensary was opened in January, 1935, and during the year there have been treated 10,105 patients. Many of them were admitted to the hospital. Among the operations performed there were only four deaths. During the first part of the past year there was an epidemic of small pox, at which time all the mission people were vaccinated and a large number of outsiders. Two of the orphan boys were stricken with the disease but finally recovered without after effects. During the rainy season cholera developed but prompt inoculation against it was administered.

Farm

A farm was purchased some years ago and subdivided into small settlements for the native converts. This plan of work has been very successful and of permanent value to the dwellers thereof. In the midst of the settlement is located the Lee Chapel, donated by Mr. and Mrs. Lee of Baltimore, Maryland. This is the social and religious and educational center of those on the farm. The crop yield has been very satisfactory.

Missionaries

Rev. and Mrs. Paul Cassen are on their second term of service. They will be due to return to America on a furlough, December, 1937. They have been very faithful missionaries. When Mr. and Mrs. Cassen return to this country on a furlough a question arises as to who will take their place. We should be looking for another male missionary for India.

Miss Mildred Miskimen whose furlough is about ended will return to India this summer.

Dr. Lacy will not be due to return on a furlough until February, 1938.

Returned missionaries: Rev. and Mrs. J. F. Minnis.

Financial

The financial report of Mr. Cassen, the treasurer of the mission, is on the right side of the ledger. Their expenses have equalled the income and enabled them to place in the sinking fund nearly \$900.00. In Dr. Lacy's report of the hospital the income just about equals the expenditures.

Amount used for work in India during the last quadrennium:

1932-1933	.....	\$8,652.43
1933-1934	.....	7,895.41
1934-1935	.....	8,171.31
1935-1936	.....	8,561.29

It is to be hoped that the church will be able to do more for this field during the next quadrennium. The property value is \$75,000.

Statistical

In China there are 2,409 church members; 1,700 men, and 392 women and 317 children. During the year 74 persons have been received into membership; 28 men, 17 women and 29 children; one Sunday school with an enrollment of 194 scholars and 24 teachers; the number of church members who can read and write, men 788, women 133, children 161, a total of 1,882. They have two self supporting churches and 14 church groups without resident pastors making a total of 16 churches and pastors. This department is doing a very needy work with excellent results. Visits from regular pastors during the year 7,168. Visits by non-pastors 1,584. Needle injections 184, pain relief injections 80. Patients living at dispensary while being cured 17.

Missionaries

We have in China at present Mr. and Mrs. Soderbom who have rendered and are rendering most efficient service. Rev. Horace Williams and his wife who are very effective in the evangelistic and educational work and Wesley Day whose time is largely taken up with teaching in the school. These are all efficient and industrious missionaries. Rev. and Mrs. Soderbom will return to America in the early fall.

Finances

Last year the bank in which the mission put its deposits was closed. For the time being they lost a little more than \$200. This they were compelled to make up from the budget fund. The last statement received from the mission shows all bills paid and a small balance in the treasury.

Amount used for work in China during the last quadrennium:

1932-1933	\$3,472.50
1933-1934	4,056.29
1934-1935	5,869.92
1935-1936	6,260.42

JAPAN

Japan is the oldest and most developed work in our foreign fields, begun in 1880, organized by the late Rev. F. C. Klein and his good wife, who still survives, and were missionaries to that country for a great many years. They were marvelously used of God in this great missionary field. This work is more thoroughly developed and advanced beyond that in China or India, so much so that some people say we should do less for Japan. With 100,000 professing Christians out of sixty-five millions of people does not look like we have more than started. This we believe is perhaps the most critical period in the history of Christian missions in this island of the sea. The church has a long way to go before the natives will be able to carry on alone. A withdrawal of Christian missions at this period would be fatal to the good work already accomplished by various Christian denominations.

Evangelistic

Brother Warner states that the evangelistic meetings have been of the best since his incumbency, also spiritually, and had a good quadrennium and a splendid year recently among the students in the Nagoya School resulting in the conversion of about 100 and the baptism of others. We rejoice that the gospel has not lost its power and Jesus Christ is still drawing many of the finest students unto Himself. The interest of the students in the school, especially in spiritual things is higher than it has been for the past ten years. We are most encouraged. Bible class groups have held their meetings reg-

20 pupils. This is only a sample of what our native workers are doing.

Brother Williams in his evangelistic tours tried to cover as many of the thousands of villages in our district as possible. He spends weeks and even months looking after the people in the out-districts and holding services in their homes used as chapels with the result of many conversions and baptisms.

Educational

We have now in operation one boys' and one girls' school including from the first to the 5th and 6th grades with an enrollment of 122 under the care of Wesley Day, at a cost of twenty-five hundred Mexican dollars, \$1,200 of which is supplied by the governor of the district, \$760.00 is donated by friends in America and about \$400.00 from the mission. Brother Day reports the work very encouraging. 38 of these students live in the dormitory and he has tried living with them part of the time and spending a day or two at a time in the humble homes of the people. In the light of past experiences it is questioned whether this attitude on the part of brother Day will help or hinder our work.

Bible School

The Bible School for the training of workers, organized by brother Williams, has about 30 students who receive daily instructions and spend their week-ends out on the field in evangelistic work. This experience is profitable to both the students and the people.

Annual Conference

This conference is well organized and expedites business in a way which is creditable to the same. At this conference consideration is given to all departments of our work in China. Even the mission itself makes a report to the Annual Conference. At the last session two new ministerial members were admitted and four graduates of the Bible School were received on trial and will continue in this relationship until their ability as preachers should be demonstrated. They discussed such subjects as "The Characteristics a Preacher Should Have", "The Loyalty of Laymen to Churches and the Work of the Kingdom" and "Methods of Spreading the Gospel". At the last session of their conference the problem of securing outside or visiting preachers to assist in revival work was seriously discussed. While admitting that they did some good and some sinners were converted they too often left behind strange doctrines which did the church more damage than the evangelists did good. They decided to be very careful whom they should invite to assist in revival work. In the reports from individual churches one church which was regarded as self-sustaining has a membership of 254 persons, collections \$163.31, all expenses met and \$14.00 in the treasury. This we should say is rigid economy.

Summer Conference

Rev. Williams made a report on the summer conference of religious workers held in Kalgan. More than 200 delegates were present and participated in the services. The meeting was a real inspiration and benefit to all in attendance, so much so they decided to hold another such conference next year.

Medical

We have a dispensary in Kalgan on the same premises as our city church. Our Chinese doctor, Dr. Ts'ui, is in charge. Our medical work is self-supporting. Dr. Ts'ui has three efficient assistants. They treat an average of about 10,000 patients a year.

girls. Miss Hodges says there is a marked difference after they have been on their vacation. They are feeling and looking so much better. Religious worship is maintained in the camp and all enjoy and benefit by the same.

Yokohama, First Church

This church will celebrate the 50th anniversary of its organization this year. The Board of Missions will do well to send them congratulations upon the occasion.

Missionaries

At a recent meeting of the Japan Mission, Miss Wolfe was elected to represent the mission at the annual conference. She is also treasurer of the mission. Her furlough is due July of the present year, also Miss Douglas expects to return to America about that time.

Rev. Paul Warner, chairman, Miss Ethel Hempstead, secretary, and Miss Hodges recommended to the Board as treasurer of the mission for the ensuing year. The missionaries all succeed themselves in the work of the past year.

A suggested monthly letter by the Executive Secretary several years ago is furnished monthly by one of our missionaries. The same is published in the Missionary Record and frequently in the Methodist Protestant-Recorder.

A young son, Paul Linthicum Warner, was born to Rev. and Mrs. Warner the past year and was recently baptized by Rev. C. Sakai, a Japanese minister and the President of the Annual Conference. Doubtless this is the first time in the history of our denomination that a missionary's child was baptized by a Japanese minister.

Retired missionaries: Rev. and Mrs. Leigh Layman, Miss Annie Forrest and Miss Williams. Returned missionaries: Rev. Herschel Lynch and Miss Charlotte Douglas.

Amount used for work in Japan during the last quadrennium:

1932-1933	.....	\$20,975.00
1933-1934	.....	15,805.14
1934-1935	.....	14,115.00
1935-1936	.....	14,965.00

Japan requirement that 50,000 yen be subscribed and paid in before the Zaidan Hojin (Board of Directors) management shall take place. Brother Warner states this money is being rapidly paid in and the mission hopes to consummate the arrangement during the present year.

RECOMMENDATIONS TO BE ACTED UPON BY THE NEW BOARD OF MISSIONS

1. That Miss Hodges be named Treasurer of the Japan Mission, also Mr. Williams as Treasurer of the China Mission.
2. That all appropriations and budgets for the coming year be referred to the new Board.
3. One Sunday in the month to be observed as Missionary Day in our Sunday schools with a missionary program.
4. Financial help to church enterprises to be contingent upon their support of the World Service benevolences, of special days and the use of denominational literature.
5. We recommend to the General Conference that deeds to all our church property be examined and to include in said deeds that

ularly for instructions and interest in revival work. A native evangelist who assisted in the meetings recently preached with great power and conviction to the unsaved resulting in 46 conversions. Among these converts were two of the non-Christian teachers.

Annual Conference

This is a great conference and finely organized, and does more effective work than some of the conferences in this country. There are about 25 regularly established churches, five or six of which are self-supporting, each with a full time pastor. The report of the recent session states that there were 156 baptisms last year with 191 full members received and 164 probationers, 38 of whom were received by letter. The total number of members on roll to date 3,132 with about 1,800 Sunday school scholars with a contribution of considerable amount to local church interests, building purposes and other causes. The conference kindergartens have about 400 enrollment. This is an increase the past few years, with Miss Hempstead in charge, assisted by 14 other teachers. Kindergarten work was committed to the care of the annual conference several years ago.

Educationl, Nagoya School

This is a school for boys only. They have at present 747 students which is about 100 more than at our last report and Brother Warner states they will have 850 next year. During the quadrennium there have been about 100 converts among these students. They are faithful and active Christians. This school has a splendid corps of teachers. 25 of the 29 are professing Christians and they are of great assistance not only in the educational work but in spiritual matters. Three teachers have recently been baptized.

Nagoya School has been self-supporting for the past year or two with a surplus of income. Some improvements to property have been made. Brother Warner states the treasury is in good condition. The retaining wall in the rear of the school lot was completed about two years ago. It adds much to the beauty of the grounds and serves to keep our land from washing away by the spring rains. Those connected with the school are grateful to the Board of Missions for the aid given toward this project.

Brother Warner states that the Japanese Department of Education for Endowment Fund requires the raising of 50,000 yen. This amount has been over-subscribed and they are waiting now for the payment of the pledges. Brother Warner seems perfectly happy as manager of the school and also has headed up the evangelistic work as well as serving a church as pastor.

Eiwa Jo Gakko

Eiwa Jo Gakko is a girls school located in Yokohama and has at present about 600 students, an increase over several years ago. The long-standing Eiwa Jo Gakko debt is being gradually reduced every year. Much improvement to property has been made in the last twelve months involving several thousand dollars, the expenses of which are being met out of the budget to Japan. Miss Hodges is general superintendent of this school as well as spending some time in teaching.

Azabu Church, Tokyo

This church which is situated in the business section has been sold for \$5,000 cash. The building is to be removed to another location where it is more quiet and suitable for worship.

Vacation Camp

This is quite a camp and is very popular and helpful to the campers. It is provided especially for the health of the boys and

iciency. To this end, the unified organization of all the women in the local church, working for the entire program of the local church and denomination, was adopted by our General Conference in 1928. It has been by no means easy to persuade the women to disband old societies, some of which had been in existence for several generations, and to enter into a new and untried plan. Wherever the unified or auxiliary plan has really been tried in local churches, it has proven most successful. Some of our groups not quite ready to unite all women's societies into one Auxiliary have met together, a part of the program in charge of the Ladies' Aid group and the remainder by the Missionary Society. Under this plan some of our difficult situations are being conquered as women representing different interests came to know each other, and they have awakened to the folly of so many organizations with their duplication of effort. We mention in this report several essentials of the Auxiliary-Circle Plan.

1. As its name indicates, it is auxiliary to the work of the church.
2. The only woman's organization in the Church, affording a channel for all the activities of the women of the Church.
3. All the women of the Church automatically become members of the Auxiliary by virtue of their Church membership.
4. The whole program of the Church included in its study, prayers, and gifts.
5. The entire membership of the Auxiliary divided into groups.
6. The membership of the circles shifted annually in order to form new groups and contacts.
7. All the Causes of the Church are included in its gifts.

We believe that this plan carried out in local churches throughout our denomination will have the following results:

1. It will reach the uninterested woman.
2. It enlarges friendships.
3. It develops leadership.
4. It increases knowledge and thereby interest in the whole work of the church.
5. It increases attendance at Auxiliary meetings.
6. It develops the spiritual life of the women.
7. It increases gifts.
8. It increases efficiency.

The pastor is the point of contact in the church. We want to again urge and suggest that this body pass a resolution asking every pastor to assist in organizing the women of his church along the auxiliary plan and to link themselves with the Branch organization. Branch leaders will gladly render assistance to any minister as will also the Associate Executive Secretary of the Board of Missions. We have a free packet of organizing materials for the benefit of groups desiring such information.

Our records and reports from the Branches reflect the organizational success of our women's work.

they shall be used only for the benefit and use of the Methodist Protestant Church.

6. That no appropriation be made by this Board if the local congregation build basement only.

7. That we emphasize Rural Work Day throughout the church and urge our people to cooperate with the same.

8. We recommend the sale of Gordon Place lot in Kansas City, Kansas, if the congregation does not build. We understand they are making improvements to the old property.

9. We recommend that Wesley Day be permitted to take a course at the Westminster Seminary while on a furlough if he desires.

10. Resolved that when Newton Church, Iowa, raises \$500 on debt the Board of Missions will donate \$500.

WOMEN'S DEPARTMENT

Four themes have challenged the womanhood of the Methodist Protestant Church during this quadrennium. It is particularly fitting that the first one should have been "Studies in the Portraits of Jesus." Because of the inspiration and the challenge of the Master for our own lives, we were willing later to "Launch Out Into the Deep"; to follow "Christ the Ongoing Companion of Our Way" over various roads of service, and now, trusting in Him for strength, to find those new "Open Doors" that He would have us enter. Believing that the development of the spiritual life of the women of our church must come first before information is desired or service can be rendered, we have been particularly fortunate in this choice of themes.

The objectives of our department are three-fold. (1) We emphasize the necessity of the *development of the spiritual life* of the women of our church. We covet for the women of our denomination this coming quadrennium, a deeper consciousness of spiritual realities; a deeper knowledge of God, a personal acceptance of Christ, and a feeling of personal responsibility to make church, community, nation, and world, really Christian. (2) We emphasize *information* about the program of our denomination—Missions, home and foreign; Christian Education; and the Benevolences of the church. We believe that this desire to know about our church program comes as a result of the first objective. (3) We emphasize *service*. We believe that the desire to share talents and material possessions will naturally follow in our women's work if the first two objectives are emphasized. Indeed, this has proven to be the case.

During this past quadrennium we have tried to achieve these objectives in our Women's Work through (1) Organization (2) Program and (3) Opportunities for Service.

ORGANIZATION

A campaign of missionary education requires a definite plan and an organization adapted to its purpose. Haphazard methods carry with them no assurance of success, nor can any ideal, however worthy, be safely left without the leadership of those who will plan and work for its realization. The first principle of good organization is to determine the end in view and then to set up the machinery, and this should be as simple as is consistent with practical ef-

to Branch Secretaries of Causes, many times with a message to be sent down to local auxiliaries. The year books, monthly program material and all literature for which we charge, is not financed through the Board of Missions but through a special literature fund. During the quadrennium we have sold the following amount of literature:

1932-1933	\$ 755.83
1933-1934	843.02
1934-1935	1,318.77
1935-1936	1,799.98
	\$4,717.60

There has been no money spent which will give greater returns than literature of all kinds.

Missionary Record

One of the most effective means of interesting the women of the church in the denominational program has been through the publication of the Missionary Record. Increased publication costs have worked a hardship during the quadrennium on our magazine. A Missionary Record Campaign was launched at our Women's Convention in Indianapolis in 1935. As a result of the campaign we have received 892 new subscriptions to the paper. We have taken off 284 names leaving a net gain for the year of 608. This brings the subscribers up to 3282, the highest number since July, 1932.

The Missionary Record contains editorials, news items, interesting information from both departments of the Board of Christian Education, a Department of Work emphasizing methods, a World Friendship Corner for the children suggesting projects, news letters from the home and foreign mission field, news from the Branches, In Memoriams, and Young People's programs. Two new Departments have been added to the paper during the past year; a Church School Worship service emphasizing Missions and a Department for Pastor's containing editorials on subjects of vital interest to the pastor. The cost of the Missionary Record is only \$.75 and should be in the hands of every pastor, Sunday school, Superintendent, Missionary Education Committees in the Christian Endeavor Society and Sunday School, and all Auxiliary and Branch leaders, in addition to the thousands of men and women interested in the denominational program. The Board of Missions pays for the Annual Number of the Missionary Record and the Board of Christian Education contributes \$250.00 per year to be used in promotion and for the expense of the Missionary Record. \$212.50 of this amount is paid by the Department of Educational Institutions and \$37.50 by the Department of Religious Education. This apportionment has been a real help to us in issuing promotional materials, the benefit of which is shared by all the agencies of our denomination.

Field Visitation

During this quadrennium our Women's Department has been represented by missionaries, officers of the Women's Convention, or the Associate Executive Secretary in some women's meetings in every Branch, including far-away Seattle.

Leadership Training Schools

A new type of promotion rendered during the quadrennium has been the sponsoring of the course in Missionary Materials and Methods in the Leadership Training Schools. It has been the privilege of the Associate Executive Secretary to teach in nine of these schools during the past three years. While we do not contact many of the

Branch	No. Charges	No. Auxiliaries	No. Women	Contributing Members
Alabama	85	44	779	442
Arkansas	22	25	.....	.....
Eastern	65	39	1066	733
Ft. Smith-Okla.	60	25	214	148
Georgia .....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Illinois	40	12	646	343
Indiana	100	26	2280	630
Iowa-Missouri	30	21	300	133
Kansas	12	9	408	154
Louisiana	51	22	310	182
Maryland	246	88	2889	1588
Michigan	54	49	1404	940
Mississippi	27	15	.....	110
Missouri	36	11	340	195
North Carolina	87	93	6000	2900
Ohio	91	75	5895	3504
Onondaga	36	19	740	362
Pittsburgh	41	28	2000	1832
Seattle	3	3	200	100
Texas	31	18	500	275
Texhoma	7	5	125	75
Wash.-Virginia .....	.....	8	523	.....
West Virginia	70	21	1300	900
Total	1194	656	27919	15546

According to Branch reports 100 new auxiliaries have been organized during the quadrennium. Two new Branches have been organized, the Texhoma, and Georgia.

The attention of the Women's Department during the new quadrennium should be on perfecting our organization. Far too few of our women are cooperating and contributing members. At least one-third of our churches are without women's organizations working for the program of the church.

PROGRAM

The fact that the percentage of decrease in receipts for World Service has been smallest in this Department during the quadrennium in comparison with the last quadrennium is contributable to the fact that the women have a program and are working that program.

Literature

A Guide Book of Programs based on the four themes mentioned in the introduction of this report have been prepared for auxiliary use each year during the past quadrennium. These programs emphasize every phase of the denominational program during some month of the year and many of the world-wide subjects in which Christians are vitally interested as, Our Responsibility in our Community, World Peace, Temperance, et cetera. Monthly program materials are prepared each month for auxiliary use. Prayer calendars, efficiency charts for auxiliaries, remittance sheets and receipt blanks, report blanks covering every phase of our women's program, young people's efficiency charts and star cards, scholarship and native worker's blanks, Life, Memorial, Sustaining and Perpetual Membership certificates, Precious Jewel certificates, pageants, handbooks, constitutions, packets, "Duties of Officers," posters of our work and workers, leaflets on organization, monthly offering envelopes, pledge cards, Record subscription blanks, are printed and distributed. Mimeographed materials are sent out from our office during the year

February

1932-1933	\$4,966.18
1933-1934	7,228.75
1934-1935	7,013.01
1935-1936	6,488.15

(RECEIPTS FROM THE BRANCHES)

The total receipts from the Branches for the quadrennium follow:

Branch	1932-33	1933-34	1934-35	1935-36	TOTAL
Alabama	\$ 877.10	\$ 853.00	\$ 1,147.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 3,877.10
Arkansas	191.61	235.32	229.34	275.30	931.57
Eastern	3,886.36	3,664.69	3,848.46	3,981.29	15,380.80
Georgia .....	.....	.....	50.20	52.06	102.26
Port Smith-Oklahoma	67.15	89.14	118.09	107.20	381.58
Illinois	1,089.26	1,310.22	1,281.31	1,446.27	5,127.06
Indiana	3,091.00	3,843.57	4,000.88	4,176.00	15,111.45
Iowa-Missouri	276.39	437.02	481.85	453.19	1,637.45
Kansas	48.30	655.59	367.58	332.59	1,404.06
Louisiana.	221.47	285.20	368.94	359.89	1,235.50
Maryland	12,305.62	12,822.60	12,105.99	13,007.23	50,241.44
Michigan	2,517.39	2,814.44	3,434.08	3,205.97	11,971.88
Mississippi	57.70	131.79	166.93	160.00	516.42
Missouri	119.01	207.19	213.63	230.33	770.16
North Carolina	4,277.41	4,814.16	4,908.86	5,211.73	19,212.16
Ohio	9,830.70	9,090.49	9,920.52	9,576.47	38,418.18
Oneida	1,704.45	1,749.50	1,769.84	1,722.57	6,946.36
Pittsburgh	4,595.14	5,867.37	6,570.66	7,144.80	24,177.97
Seattle	182.27	211.03	250.00	250.00	893.30
Texas	272.64	327.10	348.67	388.52	1,336.93
Texhoma	27.95	40.00	70.00	70.00	207.95
Washington-Virginia	1,492.11	1,567.75	1,723.96	1,706.00	6,489.82
West Virginia	2,031.95	2,090.18	2,030.00	2,047.19	8,199.32
Colorado-Texas (col)	9.22	12.00	15.00	14.00	50.22
	\$49,172.20	\$53,119.35	\$55,421.79	\$56,918.60	\$214,620.89
Specials Not G. C. Credits	1,097.19	401.70	156.44	2,974.26	4,629.59
	50,269.43	53,521.05	55,578.23	59,430.32	219,250.43
Total amount raised for World Service Budget, all sources	\$104,896.01	\$108,048.48	\$102,690.35	\$113,179.91	\$428,814.75

From the above report it will be noted that the Women's Work has shown an increase during the quadrennium. We are happy for these increases and believe that if weather conditions had not so affected our Thankoffering service in February, our report for the year 1935-1936 would have been better. As it is, we show an increase of \$3,841.09 over last year. Special mention and recognition should be given to our honor branches; Alabama, Louisiana, Missouri, Seattle, and Washington-Virginia for raising their apportionments in full this year. Fourteen Branches raised their budget or showed increases over last year.

Perpetual Memberships

Perpetual Memberships in the Women's Department are for the Board of Missions similar to a college endowment. The payment of \$30.00 constitutes a Perpetual Membership. This \$30.00 is not a credit on the World Service budget, but is invested in a permanent

Branch leaders in this way, we do have the opportunity of meeting with the young people who will be our future Branch leaders. We appreciate the cooperation given to us by Rev. F. L. Gibbs in this phase of the program.

Missionary Education in Sunday School Periodicals

In cooperation with Dr. Crates S. Johnson, Editor of our Sunday School periodicals, we have started to edit for the Teacher's Journal a column giving illustrations from the mission field of events that fit into the theme of the lesson studied. This type of cooperation should be on the increase in all our Boards.

Women's Convention

The purpose of the Annual Women's Missionary Convention is to consider the work of the women in the missionary program of the church, to review the needs and opportunities in all our mission fields, to conduct a school of methods for missionary workers and to engage in any other activity that will advance the Women's Missionary work of the Methodist Protestant Church. We have held four Conventions during the quadrennium.

1933	Pittsburgh
1934	Washington
1935	Indianapolis
1936	Greensboro

These Conventions have meant much in perfecting the Women's Organization, in bringing together the missionary leaders of the Denomination, and in forming the link between the Branch organizations and the Board of Missions.

The actual cost of the Missionary Convention to the Board of Missions for the quadrennium has been:

1932-1933	\$ 75.68
1933-1934	108.00
1934-1935	110.00
1935-1936	358.40

This expense includes speakers, programs, and half of the expenses of ten women members of the Board of Missions. The Convention is charged up with half of this expense and the Annual Board meeting with the other half since the Convention meets just prior to the Annual Board meeting.

SERVICE

The law of service is central in the teaching of Jesus and his practice. He made it perfectly clear that in his kingdom there is not even standing room for a useless life. Not every one is privileged to engage directly in personal service for missions at home or abroad. One may do so indirectly and no less helpfully by giving money for the support of those who are so engaged. Consequently the women of the church are glad to share in the responsibilities of the denominational program and to give their gifts for its extension. We follow with an account of their stewardship.

Two of the special days in our church calendar year, the November and February Thankofferings, are sponsored by the women's department. During the quadrennium these special days have amounted to:

(THANKOFFERING)

November	
1932-1933	\$3,958.59
1933-1934	5,082.86
1934-1935	5,963.19
1935-1936	6,725.76

the Protestant Episcopal Board that the church wide campaign "created an almost unprecedented wave of interest and of giving in large and small amounts." We have established beyond any doubt a living loyalty to the missionary cause in the church today. Shall Methodism lag behind—or retreat in such an hour? Our great leader, John R. Mott, says: "I find myself responsive to what you have so well emphasized, about the need right now of launching a program of advance. I have no shadow of doubt that this is the wisest strategy from every point of view. Of course, it would not be if the facts in the world situation did not warrant it, but they most emphatically do warrant it."

FINANCES

During the quadrennium just closed the financial situation has compelled rigid economy and strict retrenchment in all the work of our Board. We have attempted little more than the conservation of what was developed in the past. The hope and need is for immediate expansion in the work in all fields. The past year has been more encouraging in every way especially financially than for several years past. The financial results will appear in our report and that of the auditor.

Liabilities April 30, 1928—or beginning of the merger:

Home Missions (page 174 General Conference Journal)..\$136,404.85

Foreign Missions
(page 152 General Conference Journal)..... 14,000.00

Total Liabilities April 30, 1928.....\$150,404.85

Total Liabilities April 30, 1936.....\$ 80,619.44

Liabilities which are
underwritings and will not have to be paid..... 19,655.05

Net Liabilities April 30, 1936.....\$ 60,964.39

Summary Of Total Assets And Liabilities For Quadrennium Ended April 30, 1936

	April 30, 1933	April 30, 1934	April 30, 1935	April 30, 1936
Total Assets	\$1,280,840.61	\$1,285,365.44	\$1,287,787.60	\$1,346,721.17
Total Liabilities	101,889.14	94,147.74	87,493.40	80,619.44

Annuities

The Board has received the following annuities this quadrennium:

Nannie I. Stevens.....\$ 200.00
M. L. Shields..... 2,000.00
Imogene P. Hunsdon..... 500.00
Lottie L. Ferguson..... 3,000.00

Total annuities received.....\$5,700.00

Bequests

The following bequests have been received during the quadrennium:

Lucy A. Berrien.....\$1,728.33
Wm. H. Martin..... 712.50

Total bequests received.....\$2,440.83

trust fund. Interest at the rate of 4% is credited to the auxiliary sending in the membership. The total amount of this fund follows:

April 30 Savings Account, Calvert Bank.....	\$ 2,440.56
April 30 Invested Funds (turned over from W.F.M.S.)	7,600.00
April 30 Invested Funds (turned over from W.H.M.S.)	3,075.29
(Plus \$6.41 interest to be withdrawn)	
	\$13,115.85

Student Loan Fund

The Student Loan account, which includes payments made on loan by Miss Harstine and other items designated to this fund, is in a Savings Account, Calvert Bank. This fund amounts to:

Student Loan Fund	\$ 491.66
Interest	10.15
	\$ 501.81

By action of the Board of Missions it was voted that this fund be preserved to meet the educational needs of our returned missionaries since it was given for this particular purpose.

W. F. M. S. and W. H. M. S. Funds

The merger of the Women's Foreign Missionary Society and the Board of Missions has been completed during the quadrennium. The charter of the merged organizations was filed on November 8, 1934. There are many who will want to know what disposition was made of the funds involved in this merger. Accumulated interest to the amount of \$5,215.97 has already been used in the work. These investments represent the following funds: Annuities \$15,150.00 (\$1,500.00 of this amount released April 30, death of annuitant, Mrs. J. N. Booth.) Perpetual Memberships \$7,600.00. Missionary Retirement \$2,400.00. The following resolution was adopted by the Board of Missions in regard to this fund. "Be it resolved that all of the invested and trust funds received by the Board of Missions from the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, amounting to \$25,150.00 shall be held intact and invested as trust funds in harmony with the purpose for which these funds were originally raised."

The merger of the Woman's Home Missionary Society and the Board of Missions has been completed and these funds turned over to the Treasurer of the General Conference. This fund consists of: Annuity Account \$13,000.00 (\$1,125.00 of this amount released April 30, death of annuitant, Mrs. Cappell) and \$3,075.29 Perpetual Membership fund plus \$6.41 interest to be withdrawn. This money is invested in Savings Fund, Calvert Bank. There is also a Legacy Fund of \$287.57.

Conclusion

We close this report of the activities of the Women's Department with a statement recently made by Mrs. Evelyn Riley Nicholson, President of the Women's Foreign Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church. "Leaders are realizing that the Church must be called back to the missionary enterprise if Christianity itself is to be saved. Its genius is to share. If there is nothing to share then, indeed, the glory has departed from Israel.

But the "glory" has not departed. Faith lives still. So does the urge to share. It needs but to be informed, to be awakened. The church has become illiterate on foreign missions. Several mission boards after wrestling with diminishing incomes and enlarging opportunities have issued bugle calls to advance and the response has been heartening. The New York Times, a few days ago, reported for

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Newton, Iowa	145.83	31.25		
Paris, Texas	279.17	112.50		
Quinton, Oklahoma	132.00	30.00	30.00	
Rochester, N. Y.	166.67	25.00	.....	.....
Ravenna Church, Seattle, Wash.....	100.00	100.00	100.00	33.33
Sea View Church, Seattle, Wash.....	850.00	400.00	75.00	300.00
Texhoma Conference President.....	167.50	105.00	75.00	112.50
Texas Conference President.....	150.00	50.00	.....	.....
	<u>\$4,096.19</u>	<u>\$1,998.75</u>	<u>\$ 979.98</u>	<u>\$ 929.16</u>

It does not seem to be good business nor just to the field work to continue to distribute to the various auxiliaries more interest than Perpetual Membership investments yield.

During the past year and the quadrennium just closed the Board of Missions has done its best to comply with the wishes of the Methodist Protestant Church in her missionary endeavors under the circumstances. All the while we have kept in mind Christ's great command to his church "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature."

G. W. HADDAWAY,
Executive Secretary

BETTIE BRITTINGHAM,
Associate Executive Secretary

PROVISIONAL ANNUAL BUDGET FOR THE NEXT FOUR YEARS

Home Field	
Pine Ridge	\$ 4,500.00
Dillonvale	1,200.00
Appropriations to mission churches.....	3,000.00
Pastoral support	1,000.00
Projecting work in new fields.....	10,000.00
Total for one year.....	\$19,700.00
Foreign Field	
Japan—salaries and field work.....	\$15,000.00
China—salaries and field work.....	7,000.00
India—salaries and field work.....	9,300.00
Missionary travel expense.....	2,000.00
Total for one year.....	\$33,300.00
Operating expenses and salaries.....	\$ 9,500.00
Promotional literature, etc.....	200.00
Board meetings and Executive Committee meetings.....	700.00
Interest on debts.....	7,000.00
Payments on indebtedness to banks and individuals.....	7,000.00
Total for one year.....	\$24,400.00
Grand total	\$77,400.00

APPROPRIATED TO CHURCHES AND PASTORS

	1932-1933	1933-1934	1934-1935	1935-1936
Appropriations and Donations:				
Grace Church, Indianapolis, Ind.....	\$ 70.19	\$ 55.00	\$.....	\$ 12.00
Florida Conference	120.00	120.00	110.00	75.00
Magnolia, Arkansas	585.50	.....	.....	500.00
Mississippi Conference	75.00	.....	.....	.....
Grace Church, Greensboro, N. C.....	1,000.00	500.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Quinton, Oklahoma	23.00	7.68	49.10	6.58
First Church, Uniontown, Pa.....	1,000.00	750.00	500.00	750.00
Parkersburg, W. Va.....	150.00	.....	.....	.....
Meridian, Miss.	540.00	360.00	120.00	240.00
Haynesville, La. ....	.....	25.00	.....	.....
Baltimore-Washington Colored Conference..	.....	13.25	22.63	20.25
Trinity Church, Ventnor City, N. J.....	.....	300.00	.....	300.00
Avalon Park Church, Chicago, Ill.....	.....	250.00	.....	.....
Virginia Conference .....	.....	.....	150.00	.....
First Church, Columbus, Ohio.....	.....	.....	734.19	439.13
Emanuel Church, Philadelphia, Pa.....	.....	.....	200.00	.....
Logansport, Indiana	61.67	4.48	109.92	52.73
	\$3,625.36	\$2,385.41	\$2,995.84	\$3,395.69
 Salaries Supplemented:				
Arkansas Conference President.....	\$ 266.67	\$.....	\$.....	\$.....
Mt. Lookout Church, Cincinnati, Ohio.....	141.67	33.33	.....	.....
First Church, Columbus, Ohio.....	433.34	366.66	166.66	.....
Corsicana, Texas	50.00	.....	.....	.....
Ft. Smith-Okla. Conference President.....	226.67	85.00	49.99	50.00
Massard Church, Ft. Smith, Arkansas.....	160.00	60.00	.....	.....
Idabel, Oklahoma	60.00	50.00	.....	.....
Gordon Place Church, Kansas City, Kan...	200.00	200.00	200.00	200.00
Stephens Memorial Church, Kansas City, Kansas.....	233.33	133.34	75.00	75.00
Westheight Church, Kansas City, Kan.....	204.17	125.00	100.00	25.00
Logansport, Indiana	104.17	91.67	108.33	133.33
Magnolia, Arkansas	25.00	.....	.....	.....

EXHIBIT A

BALANCE SHEET—APRIL 30th, 1936

ASSETS	Total	Home Dept.	Foreign Dept.	General (Un- designated)
Cash in Banks—				
General Funds:				
Treasurer of the General Confer- ference—Mercantile Trust Com- pany of Baltimore.....	\$ 1,947.08	\$ 304.63	\$ 1,310.16	\$ 332.29
Secretary of Board—Calvert Bank	200.00	32.00	168.00	.....
President of Board—Pittsburgh....	88.29	.....	88.29	.....
	<u>\$ 2,235.37</u>	<u>\$ 336.63</u>	<u>\$ 1,566.45</u>	<u>\$ 332.29</u>
Special Funds:				
Calvert Bank—Savings Accounts:				
Perpetual Membership Fund.....	\$ 2,440.56	\$ 813.52	\$ 1,627.04	.....
Students' Loan Fund.....	502.31	.....	502.31	.....
Savings Bank of Baltimore:				
Perpetual Membership Fund.....	3,081.70	3,081.70	.....	.....
Legacy Fund	289.57	289.57	.....	.....
	<u>\$ 6,314.14</u>	<u>\$ 4,184.79</u>	<u>\$ 2,129.35</u>	<u>\$.....</u>
Notes Receivable—(No Reserve Pro- vided)—Schedule 1	22,102.37	22,102.37	.....	.....
Mortgages Receivable — (No Reserve Provided)—Schedule 2	6,175.00	6,175.00	.....	.....
Property Accounts (Values furnished by Executive Secretary's Office, not verified by us. No Deprecia- tion Taken)—Schedule 3.....	1,262,184.92	656,814.42	605,370.50	.....
Office Equipment	493.85	212.22	281.63	.....
Less Reserve for Depreciation— 10% per annum	216.14	101.53	114.61	.....
	<u>277.71</u>	<u>110.69</u>	<u>167.02</u>	<u>.....</u>
Office Equipment Fully Depreciated.....	1,132.80	1,132.80	.....	.....
Less Reserve for Depreciation.....	1,132.80	1,132.80	.....	.....
Investment of Annuity Funds (Market Value)—Schedule 4	47,431.66	180.47	38,386.72	8,864.47
	<u>\$1,346,721.17</u>	<u>\$689,904.37</u>	<u>\$647,620.04</u>	<u>\$9,196.76</u>
LIABILITIES				
Mortgages Payable—Schedule 5	\$ 19,655.05	\$ 19,655.05	\$.....	\$.....
Notes Payable—Schedule 6	60,964.39	43,887.41	17,076.98	.....
Total Mortgages and Notes Payable....	<u>\$ 80,619.44</u>	<u>\$ 63,542.46</u>	<u>\$ 17,076.98</u>	<u>\$.....</u>
Annuity Bonds—Schedule 7	53,350.00	20,650.00	23,800.00	8,900.00
Deposits on Contract of Sale Option:				
Grace Church Parsonage, Indianap- olis, Indiana	536.85	536.85	.....	.....
North Side Baptist Church.....	500.00	500.00	.....	.....
	<u>\$ 1,036.85</u>	<u>\$ 1,036.85</u>	<u>\$.....</u>	<u>\$.....</u>
Totals	135,006.29	85,229.31	40,876.98	8,900.00
Net Worth—Special Funds	6,314.14	4,184.79	2,129.35	.....
General Funds	1,205,400.74	600,490.27	604,613.71	296.76
* Total Funds	<u>1,211,714.88</u>	<u>604,675.06</u>	<u>606,743.06</u>	<u>296.76</u>
	<u>\$1,346,721.17</u>	<u>\$689,904.37</u>	<u>\$647,620.04</u>	<u>\$9,196.76</u>

*This amount is subject to reduction for adequate reserves to cover possible losses on Notes and Mortgages Receivable and Properties.

No accrued Liabilities are considered in this balance sheet, since the books are kept on a Cash basis.

**REPORT ON THE AFFAIRS OF BOARD OF MISSIONS OF THE
METHODIST PROTESTANT CHURCH
BALTIMORE, MARYLAND
FOR YEAR ENDED APRIL 30TH, 1936**

Board of Missions of the
Methodist Protestant Church,
Baltimore, Maryland.

Gentlemen:

In accordance with your request, we have prepared a Balance Sheet and supporting schedules from the financial records of the two departments of your Board for the fiscal year and quadrennium ended April 30th, 1936, as per list attached.

The statements were prepared without a detailed audit. Some of the more important phases of our work were as follows:

1. Reconciliation and confirmation of cash balances.
2. Confirmation of Notes and Mortgages Receivable, as well as Notes, Mortgages and Annuity Bonds Payable.
3. Examination or confirmation of Investments, and the securing of market values.

In order that you may have this report in time for the annual meeting, remarks pertinent to the attached statements have been omitted.

Respectfully submitted,

WOODEN & BENSON,
Certified Public Accountants,
Members American Institute of
Accountants.

**BOARD OF MISSIONS OF THE METHODIST PROTESTANT
CHURCH**

List of Statements

Exhibit A—Balance Sheet—April 30th, 1936

Exhibit B—Changes in Financial Position During Quadrennium
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Exhibit C—Receipts and Disbursements for Each Year and for
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Schedule 1.—Notes Receivable—Home Department—April 30th,
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Schedule 7.—Annuity Bonds—
Home Department—April 30th, 1936
Foreign Department—April 30th, 1936
General (Undesignated)—April 30th, 1936

Annuity written off. Paid out of proceeds of sale of securities of Women's Foreign Missionary Society, before securities were entered on records	1,000.00		
Vouchers Payable as of April 30th, 1932, Written Back	1,094.96		
Adjustment of Depreciation Reserve on Office Equipment	72.37		
Old Check Written Back.....	16.00	\$	111,116.78

Decreases:

Depreciation in value of Grace Church, Indianapolis, Indiana. (Value furnished by Executive Secretary of Board).....	25,000.00		
Mortgage Payable—The Buckeye State Building and Loan Company—on Parsonage of First Methodist Protestant Church, Columbus, Ohio	4,756.55		
Annuity of M. L. and Mollie Shields not previously entered	3,000.00		
Note Payable—Nettie Johnston, not previously entered	952.50		
Mortgage Receivable—Squirrel Hill Church—Written off as a gift.....	3,500.00		
Note Receivable—Newton Church, Newton, Iowa. Written off as a gift.....	1,000.00		
Adjustment of Mortgage Payable on First Methodist Protestant Church Parsonage, Columbus, Ohio	22.35		
Adjustment of Notes Receivable—Emmanuel Methodist Protestant Church, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania	61.02		
Adjustment of Securities values when transferred at par between Departments.....	291.49		
Increase in Mortgage Payable—Emmanuel Methodist Protestant Church, Philadelphia, assumed by Board	35.85		
Depreciation—Office Equipment	180.31	38,800.07	72,316.71

CHANGES IN FINANCIAL POSITION DURING QUADRENNIUM ENDED APRIL 30th, 1936

ASSETS	April 30, 1936	April 30, 1932	Improvement Impairment
Cash in Bank—			
General Funds:			
Treasurer General Conference.....\$	1,947.08	\$ 2,740.90	\$ 793.82
Secretary of Board.....	200.00	200.00	.....
President of Board.....	88.29	.....	88.29
	<u>\$ 2,235.37</u>	<u>\$ 2,940.90</u>	<u>\$ 705.53</u>
Special Funds:			
Calvert Bank Savings Account			
Perpetual Membership Fund.....	\$ 2,440.56	\$ 270.00	\$ 2,170.56
Student Loan Fund.....	502.31	259.35	242.96
Savings Bank of Baltimore			
Perpetual Membership Fund.....	3,081.70	.....	3,081.70
Legacy Fund	289.57	.....	289.57
	<u>\$ 6,314.14</u>	<u>\$ 529.35</u>	<u>\$ 5,784.79</u>
Notes Receivable (No Reserve provided).....	22,102.37	24,215.87	2,113.50
Mortgages Receivable (No Reserve provided)....	6,175.00	9,675.00	3,500.00
Property Accounts, (Values furnished by Ex- ecutive Secretary's Office, Not verified by us. No Depreciation taken)	\$1,262,184.92	\$1,232,184.92	\$30,000.00
Office Equipment—Net	277.71	178.15	99.56
Investment of Annuity Fund (Market Value).. <u></u>	<u>47,431.66</u>	<u>13,700.75</u>	<u>33,730.91</u>
	<u>\$1,346,721.17</u>	<u>\$1,283,424.94</u>	<u>\$63,296.23</u>

LIABILITIES

Mortgages Payable	\$ 19,655.05	\$ 18,756.81	\$ 898.24
Notes Payable	60,964.39	78,085.00	17,120.61
Vouchers Payable .....	.....	1,094.96	1,094.96
Annuity Bonds	53,350.00	45,775.00	7,575.00
Deposits on contract of Sale Option			
Grace Church—Parsonage, Indianapolis, Ind....	536.85	315.00	221.85
North Side Baptist Church.....	500.00	.....	500.00
	<u>1,036.85</u>	<u>315.00</u>	<u>721.85</u>
	<u>\$ 135,006.29</u>	<u>\$ 144,026.77</u>	<u>\$ 9,020.48</u>

Increase in Net Worth..... \$72,316.71

Developed as follows:

Increases:

Excess of Operating Cash Receipts over Expenses:

Fiscal Year Ending	Foreign	Home	Total
April 30th			
1933	3,838.77	4,017.66	178.89
1934	7,748.17	1,773.50	9,521.67
1935	3,217.05	662.61	2,554.44
1936	6,499.79	1,222.95	7,722.74
Total	<u>\$21,303.78</u>	<u>\$1,683.82</u>	<u>\$19,619.96</u>

Market Value of Securities and Cash Balance of Women's Foreign Missionary Society turned over to Board of Missions.....\$	27,359.62
Cash transferred from Home Missionary So- ciety to Board of Missions.....	3,371.27
Appreciation in Market Value of Securities..	1,948.36
Appreciation in value of Pine Ridge School, Pine Ridge, Kentucky, due to additions and improvements	24,200.00
To record Goss Memorial Church, Orlando, Florida. Property donated (Value fur- nished by Executive Secretary of Board)....	30,000.00
Deposits and Interest Received on Perpetual Membership and Student Loan-Fund Bank Accounts	1,318.52
Donations Received on Mortgages Payable....	1,115.72

METHODIST PROTESTANT CHURCH QUADRENNIUM ENDED APRIL 30TH, 1936

Year Ended April 30th, 1935			Year Ended April 30th, 1936			Quadrennium Ended April 30th, 1936		
Home	Foreign	Total	Home	Foreign	Total	Home	Foreign	Total
\$ 323.20	\$ 3,134.42	\$ 3,457.62	\$ 2,006.36	\$ 2,566.87	\$ 560.51	\$ 29,733.34	\$ 30,192.44	\$ 459.10
6,380.30	13,050.60	19,430.90	8,383.22	17,147.47	25,530.69	24,129.54	49,118.80	73,248.34
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	11,934.33	11,934.33
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5,776.83	.....	5,776.83
.....	372.58	372.58	.....	402.42	402.42	.....	2,093.25	2,093.25
.....	320.90	320.90	.....	200.25	200.25	.....	1,889.44	1,889.44
.....	1,357.50	1,357.50	.....	372.07	372.07	.....	3,491.07	3,491.07
322.25	1,334.97	1,657.22	1,633.12	3,415.11	5,048.23	2,846.58	7,674.65	10,521.23
31.12	63.63	94.75	76.00	.....	76.00	669.36	1,214.55	1,883.91
51.01	405.20	456.21	67.78	251.75	319.53	256.87	1,898.70	2,155.57
.....	.....	.....	40.00	.....	40.00	190.00	.....	190.00
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	864.16	1,339.17	2,203.33
.....	.....	.....	200.00	.....	200.00	235.00	.....	235.00
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	10.00	.....	10.00
84.70	.....	84.70	92.15	.....	92.15	176.85	.....	176.85
.....	20.00	20.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	30.00	30.00
.....	.....	.....	110.00	.....	110.00	110.00	.....	110.00
6,682.20	13,671.70	20,353.90	6,139.00	12,557.22	18,696.22	26,895.88	55,024.95	81,920.83
3,162.61	12,159.70	15,322.31	3,552.92	15,109.84	18,662.76	13,389.97	48,554.76	61,944.73
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,542.77	3,156.46	4,699.23
45.93	185.00	230.93	81.15	152.00	233.15	611.88	1,819.72	2,431.60
.....	328.53	328.53	.....	388.80	388.80	.....	3,993.21	3,993.21
.....	30.60	30.60	.....	.....	.....	.....	30.60	30.60
.....	59.00	59.00	.....	48.00	48.00	.....	107.00	107.00
.....	21.52	21.52	.....	.....	.....	.....	245.89	245.89
.....	1,417.89	1,417.89	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,417.89	1,417.89
.....	89.19	89.19	.....	.....	.....	.....	90.19	90.19
.....	1.68	1.68	.....	.....	.....	.....	1.68	1.68
.....	1,417.81	1,417.81	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,417.81	1,417.81
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	250.00	.....	250.00
100.00	.....	100.00	.....	.....	.....	100.00	.....	100.00
3.33	6.67	10.00	.....	.....	.....	13.61	27.67	41.28
86.65	173.35	260.00	98.33	196.67	295.00	281.85	2,146.60	2,428.45
195.48	391.04	586.52	90.00	180.00	270.00	629.81	571.04	1,200.85
.....	3.30	3.30	7.89	18.11	26.00	7.89	21.41	29.30
16.66	33.34	50.00	.....	.....	.....	63.27	95.08	158.35
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	10.10	.....	10.10
.....	.....	.....	.60	.....	.60	9.75	.....	9.75
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	16.00	.....	16.00
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	24.63	50.37	75.00
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	116.56	116.56
\$17,162.24	\$46,915.70	\$64,077.94	\$20,572.16	\$50,439.71	\$71,011.87	\$ 79,112.60	\$199,572.85	\$278,685.45
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	\$ 3,149.25	\$ 4,350.75	\$ 7,500.00
\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,050.00	\$ 2,250.00	\$12,275.00	\$ 3,275.00	\$15,550.00	15,425.00	12,125.00	27,550.00
\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,050.00	\$ 2,250.00	\$12,275.00	\$ 3,275.00	\$15,550.00	\$ 18,574.25	\$ 16,475.75	\$ 35,050.00
\$18,362.24	\$47,965.70	\$66,327.94	\$32,847.16	\$53,714.71	\$86,561.87	\$ 97,686.85	\$216,048.60	\$313,735.45
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	25,403.52	25,403.52
\$18,362.24	\$47,965.70	\$66,327.94	\$32,847.16	\$53,714.71	\$86,561.87	\$ 97,686.85	\$241,452.12	\$339,138.97
\$18,685.44	\$51,100.12	\$69,785.56	\$30,840.80	\$56,281.58	\$87,122.38	\$127,420.19	\$211,259.68	\$338,679.87

EXHIBIT C

BOARD OF MISSIONS OF THE
RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS FOR

	Year Ended April 30th, 1933			Year Ended April 30th, 1934		
	Home	Foreign	Total	Home	Foreign	Total
BALANCE—May 1st.....	\$29,733.34	\$30,192.44	\$ 459.10	\$ 243.35	\$ 325.35	\$ 568.70
RECEIPTS:						
Budget Apportionment.....	2,298.48	4,464.39	6,762.87	7,067.54	14,456.34	21,523.88
Miscellaneous Specials:						
Children's Day.....		11,934.33	11,934.33			
Easter.....	5,776.83		5,776.83			
China.....		896.25	896.25		422.00	422.00
India.....		895.69	895.69		472.60	472.60
Japan.....		610.00	610.00		1,151.50	1,151.50
Specials.....	376.71	1,360.15	1,736.86	514.50	1,564.42	2,078.92
Special Appeal.....	443.14	907.27	1,350.41	119.10	243.65	362.75
Special-Annuity Interest.....	55.25	849.50	904.75	82.83	392.25	475.08
Miscellaneous—General:						
Interest on Loan.....				150.00		150.00
Legacies and Bequests.....	60.32	535.33	595.65	803.84	803.84	1,607.68
From Sale of Grace Church, Indianapolis....	15.00		15.00	20.00		20.00
Parsonage Rent—Grace Church, Indianapolis.....				10.00		10.00
Parsonage Sale—Grace Church, Indianapolis.....						
Rent—Adrian, Michigan Lots.....		10.00	10.00			
Contribution for Reduction of Indebtedness, Adrian, Michigan Church.....						
Women's Auxiliaries:						
General Fund.....	7,639.78	15,633.25	23,273.03	6,434.90	13,162.78	19,597.68
Specials.....	3,273.20	10,758.98	14,032.18	3,401.24	10,526.24	13,927.48
February Thank Offering.....	1,534.96	3,140.47	4,675.43	7.81	15.99	23.80
Interest on Perpetual Membership Fund.....				484.80	1,482.72	1,967.52
Interest on Invested Annuity Fund.....					3,275.88	3,275.88
Interest on Checking Account Fund.....						
Interest on Missionary Retirement Fund.....						
Interest on India Building Fund.....					224.37	224.37
India Building Fund.....						
Emblem Account.....					1.00	1.00
Interest on Emblem Account.....						
Checking Account Fund.....						
Refunds:						
Appropriation—Avalon Park Church, Chicago.....				250.00		250.00
Appropriation—Emmanuel Church, Philadelphia.....						
Associate Secretary's Travel Expense.....				10.28	21.00	31.28
Children's Day Expense.....				96.87	1,776.58	1,873.45
Easter Expense.....				344.33		344.33
Board Expense.....						
Board Meeting Expense.....	31.50	31.50	63.00	15.11	30.24	45.35
Insurance—Grace Church Parsonage, Indianapolis.....				10.10		10.10
Interest.....	9.15		9.15			
Interest on Annuity (Checks Written Back)...				16.00		16.00
Printing Expense—Women's Work.....				24.63	50.37	75.00
Japan Mission Expense.....					116.56	116.56
Total Receipts.....	\$21,514.32	\$52,027.11	\$ 73,541.43	\$19,863.88	\$50,190.33	\$70,054.21
BORROWED MONEY:						
Notes Payable—Baker-Watts and Company...	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 1,149.25	\$ 2,350.75	\$ 3,500.00
Notes Payable.....	500.00	6,500.00	7,000.00	1,450.00	1,300.00	2,750.00
Total Borrowed Money.....	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 8,500.00	\$ 11,000.00	\$ 2,599.25	\$ 3,650.75	\$ 6,250.00
Total Receipts and Borrowed Money.....	\$24,014.32	\$60,527.11	\$ 84,541.43	\$22,463.13	\$53,841.08	\$76,304.21
Transfer of Balance from Women's Home Missionary Society.....		25,403.52	25,403.52			
Total.....	\$24,014.32	\$85,930.63	\$109,944.95	\$22,463.13	\$53,841.08	\$76,304.21
	\$53,747.66	\$55,738.19	\$109,485.85	\$22,706.48	\$54,166.43	\$76,872.91

METHODIST PROTESTANT CHURCH—Continued
QUADRENNIUM ENDED APRIL 30TH, 1936

Year Ended April 30th, 1935			Year Ended April 30th, 1936			Quadrennium Ended April 30th, 1936		
Home	Foreign	Total	Home	Foreign	Total	Home	Foreign	Total
2,885.92	.....	2,885.92	4,330.96	.....	4,330.96	13,036.31	.....	13,036.31
25.00	.....	25.00	25.00	.....	25.00	100.00	.....	100.00
.....	25.00	25.00	.....	25.00	25.00	.....	100.00	100.00
.....	25.00	25.00	.....	25.00	25.00	.....	100.00	100.00
25.00	.....	25.00	25.00	.....	25.00	100.00	.....	100.00
666.56	1,333.44	2,000.00	666.56	1,333.44	2,000.00	3,104.58	5,165.43	8,270.01
96.85	146.01	242.86	110.39	220.86	331.25	359.12	642.18	1,001.30
55.26	129.28	184.54	122.18	561.94	684.12	738.52	1,537.55	2,276.07
279.92	559.86	839.78	235.31	470.69	706.00	1,262.01	2,013.36	3,275.37
73.32	146.68	220.00	98.33	196.67	295.00	238.23	2,056.50	2,294.73
8.12	16.25	24.37	24.15	48.31	72.46	58.57	113.18	171.75
75.54	151.11	226.65	119.45	238.95	358.40	265.71	493.81	759.52
106.66	213.34	320.00	90.00	180.00	270.00	1,871.99	575.96	2,447.95
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1.50	3.00	4.50
.....	5,869.92	5,869.92	.....	6,260.42	6,260.42	.....	19,959.13	19,959.13
.....	8,746.31	8,746.31	.....	9,957.74	9,957.74	.....	38,562.64	38,562.64
.....	16,487.50	16,487.50	.....	15,315.00	15,315.00	.....	70,292.64	70,292.64
174.61	355.57	530.18	159.69	295.52	455.21	688.82	1,194.32	1,883.14
2,741.34	2,074.93	4,816.27	2,664.54	2,185.83	4,850.37	10,998.38	8,438.77	19,437.15
1,451.74	2,455.76	3,907.50	1,649.25	1,713.01	3,362.26	6,088.48	7,913.28	14,001.76
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	38.50	.....	38.50
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	16.50	.....	16.50
100.00	200.00	300.00	100.00	200.00	300.00	639.91	936.05	1,575.96
465.00	630.00	1,095.00	.....	.....	.....	465.00	630.00	1,095.00
199.92	400.08	600.00	199.92	400.08	600.00	945.58	1,546.05	2,491.63
900.00	.....	900.00	1,138.25	.....	1,138.25	4,311.59	.....	4,311.59
4,100.00	.....	4,100.00	4,060.00	.....	4,060.00	16,775.22	.....	16,775.22
50.63	101.32	151.95	50.78	101.57	152.35	249.81	420.91	670.72
.....	540.00	540.00	.....	585.00	585.00	.....	2,525.00	2,525.00
1,579.98	.....	1,579.98	1,169.16	.....	1,169.16	9,344.08	.....	9,344.08
1,170.00	2,340.00	3,510.00	1,080.00	2,160.00	3,240.00	4,875.00	8,115.00	12,990.00
84.12	168.32	252.44	114.09	228.28	342.37	404.08	667.86	1,071.94
.....	1.00	1.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	1.00	1.00
72.23	144.72	216.95	72.43	145.11	217.54	257.09	451.84	708.93
668.00	1,336.00	2,004.00	672.00	1,344.00	2,016.00	3,174.90	5,145.10	8,320.00
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	7.10	7.10
112.93	.....	112.93	52.73	.....	52.73	297.52	.....	297.52
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	24.62	50.38	75.00
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	35.11	71.89	107.00
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5.00	5.00
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	31.98	65.45	97.43
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1.96	4.04	6.00
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3.00	3.00
\$18,168.65	\$44,597.40	\$62,766.05	\$19,030.17	\$44,192.42	\$63,222.59	\$ 80,800.67	\$179,807.42	\$260,608.09
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	\$ 3,149.25	\$ 9,350.75	\$ 12,500.00
\$ 2,523.15	\$ 3,935.85	\$ 6,459.00	\$ 9,906.00	\$10,779.00	\$20,685.00	16,162.12	20,791.35	36,953.47
.....	.....	.....	1,600.00	.....	1,600.00	1,600.00	.....	1,600.00
\$ 2,523.15	\$ 3,935.85	\$ 6,459.00	\$11,506.00	\$10,779.00	\$22,285.00	\$ 20,911.37	\$ 30,142.10	\$ 51,053.47
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	25,403.52	.....	25,403.52
\$20,691.80	\$48,533.25	\$69,225.05	\$30,536.17	\$54,971.42	\$85,507.59	\$127,115.56	\$209,949.52	\$337,065.08
2,006.36	2,566.87	560.51	304.63	1,310.16	1,614.79	304.63	1,310.16	1,614.79
\$18,685.44	\$51,100.12	\$69,785.56	\$30,840.80	\$56,281.58	\$87,122.38	\$127,420.19	\$211,259.68	\$338,679.87

BOARD OF MISSIONS OF THE
RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS FOR

	Year Ended April 30th, 1933			Year Ended April 30th, 1934		
	Home	Foreign	Total	Home	Foreign	Total
DISBURSEMENTS:						
Appropriations and Donations	3,493.50		3,493.50	2,325.93		2,325.93
Appropriation—Council of Women for Home Missions	25.00		25.00	25.00		25.00
Appropriation—Federation of Women's Board of Foreign Missions		25.00	25.00		25.00	25.00
Appropriation—Foreign Mission Conference		25.00	25.00		25.00	25.00
Appropriations—Home Missions Council	25.00		25.00	25.00		25.00
Associate Executive Secretary's Salary	1,044.58	1,044.59	2,089.17	726.88	1,453.96	2,180.84
Associate Executive Secretary's Travel Expense	28.54	28.55	57.09	123.34	246.76	370.10
Board Expense	459.05	689.77	1,148.82	102.03	156.56	258.59
Board Meeting Expense	511.00	511.00	1,022.00	235.78	471.81	707.59
Children's Day Expense		1,579.95	1,579.95	66.58	133.20	199.78
Committee on Education Expense	4.00	4.00	8.00	22.30	44.62	66.92
Convention Expense	37.84	37.84	75.68	32.88	65.91	98.79
Easter Expense	1,581.60		1,581.60	93.73	182.62	276.35
February Thank Offering				1.50	3.00	4.50
China Mission		3,772.50	3,772.50		4,056.29	4,056.29
India Mission		10,063.18	10,063.18		9,795.41	9,795.41
Japan Mission		22,155.00	22,155.00		16,335.14	16,335.14
General Expense	164.88	164.89	329.77	189.64	378.34	567.98
Interest	2,851.71	1,976.02	4,827.73	2,740.79	2,201.99	4,942.78
Interest on Annuities	1,518.75	1,745.75	3,264.50	1,468.74	1,998.76	3,467.50
Insurance—Grace Church, Indianapolis				38.50		38.50
Insurance—Grace Church Parsonage, Indianapolis				16.50		16.50
Missionary Record Expense—Women's Work	343.78	343.78	687.56	96.13	192.27	288.40
Perpetual Membership—Refund						
Office Rent	345.82	345.81	691.63	199.92	400.08	600.00
Ohio Mission Expense	1,318.43		1,318.43	954.91		954.91
Pine Ridge Expense	4,320.02		4,320.02	4,295.20		4,295.20
Printing Expense—Women's Work	78.76	78.74	157.50	69.64	139.28	208.92
Returned Missionaries' Salaries		350.00	350.00		1,050.00	1,050.00
Salaries of Ministers	4,096.19		4,096.19	2,498.75		2,498.75
Secretary's Salary	1,635.00	1,635.00	3,270.00	990.00	1,980.00	2,970.00
Secretary's Travel Expense	140.55	140.56	281.11	65.32	130.70	196.02
Special—Women's Foreign Department						
Stationery and Supplies	62.93	62.91	125.84	49.50	99.10	148.60
Stenographer's Salary	1,205.00	1,205.00	2,410.00	629.90	1,260.10	1,890.00
Taxes on Adrian, Michigan Lot		7.10	7.10			
Taxes	131.86		131.86			
Transfer—General Fund to Special—Women's Work	24.62	50.38	75.00			
Bad Checks Written Off:						
General Funds—Women's Work	35.11	71.89	107.00			
Specials—Women's Work		5.00	5.00			
February Thank Offering—Women's Work	31.98	65.45	97.43			
Special Appeal	.32	.68	1.00	1.64	3.36	5.00
Coupon in Default:						
India Mission Income		3.00	3.00			
Total Disbursements	\$25,515.82	\$48,188.34	\$ 73,704.16	\$18,086.03	\$42,829.26	\$60,915.29
PAYMENTS ON BORROWED MONEY:						
Notes Payable:						
Baker-Watts and Company		\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 3,149.25	\$ 4,350.75	\$ 7,500.00
Other	\$ 2,584.97	2,224.50	4,809.47	1,148.00	3,852.00	5,000.00
Mortgage						
Total Payment on Borrowed Money	\$ 2,584.97	\$ 7,224.50	\$ 9,809.47	\$ 4,297.25	\$ 8,202.75	\$12,500.00
Transfer of Balance to Foreign Missions Department	25,403.52		25,403.52			
Total	\$53,504.31	\$55,412.84	\$108,917.15	\$22,383.28	\$51,032.01	\$73,415.29
BALANCE—April 30th	243.35	325.35	568.70	323.20	3,134.42	3,457.62
	\$53,747.66	\$55,738.19	\$109,485.85	\$22,706.48	\$54,166.43	\$76,872.91

MORTGAGES RECEIVABLE—APRIL 30th, 1936**Home Department****SCHEDULE 2**

Idabel, Oklahoma—(Deed of Trust)	
January 19th, 1928—Due and payable only in case the property is abandoned as a place of worship.....	\$ 100.00
Mansfield, Arkansas—(First Mortgage)	
July 21st, 1919—Notes No. 1 to No. 10 due \$60.00 per year, beginning July 21st, 1920, with interest at 6% from maturity	600.00
Stamford, Connecticut—(Second Mortgage)	
October 4th, 1909—Note due March 12th, 1912—without interest	475.00
Trinity Church, Atlantic City, New Jersey—(Second Mortgage)	
April 23rd, 1928—Due with interest at 6% if premises are not kept in repair, or if discontinued as a place of worship	5,000.00c
TOTAL—to Exhibit A	\$ 6,175.00

Note:—No interest is being received on these mortgages. Most of them are either past due or act merely as a means of general control over related properties.

c—Confirmed.

NOTES RECEIVABLE—APRIL 30th, 1936

Home Department

SCHEDULE 1

Calvary Church, Washington, D. C.:		
August 8th, 1929. Due on demand. Note signed by Board of Managers of the Church Extension Society of the Maryland Annual Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church		\$ 2,500.00c
Emanuel Church, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania:		
December 2nd, 1921. Due in three years with interest at 6%	\$5,000.00	
May 1st, 1935. Due on demand with interest at 5%	1,600.00	
		<u>6,600.00c</u>
First Methodist Protestant Church of Adrian, Michigan:		
Dated May 19th, 1928, for three years without interest		890.00c
Frankfort Church, Frankfort, Indiana:		
May 15th, 1922. Due in five years with interest at 6%	1,000.00	
August 1st, 1922. Due in five years with interest at 6%	1,600.00	
		<u>2,600.00c</u>
Hugo Church, Hugo, Oklahoma:		
September 21st, 1917. Due in eight years with interest at 6% from maturity.....	50.00	
September 21st, 1917. Due in nine years with interest at 6% from maturity.....	50.00	
September 21st, 1917. Due in ten years with interest at 6% from maturity.....	50.00	
		<u>150.00</u>
McDorman, G. E.		
June 26th, 1931. Four months at 6%		200.00
Northside Baptist Church (Colored)		
December 9th, 1935. Due June 1st, 1936 without interest		300.00
Stephens Memorial, Kansas City, Kansas:		
February 1st, 1922. Due ten years after Trustees' Agreement with 6% (or 8% in case of default) interest.....		3,550.00
Westheight Church, Kansas City Kansas:		
May 1st, 1923. Due in three years with interest at 7% from maturity.....	68.73	
May 1st, 1923. Four due in four, five, six and seven years respectively, with interest at 7% from maturity. \$1,293.73 payable annually beginning May 1st, 1927	5,174.92	
May 1st, 1923. Due in eight years, with interest at 7% from maturity.....	68.72	
		<u>5,312.37</u>
TOTAL—to Exhibit A		<u>\$22,102.37</u>

c—Confirmed by correspondence. No reply received from others.

Note:—No interest is being received on above Notes. Many of them are past due, but are being held as a means of general control over the respective churches.

INVESTMENT OF ANNUITY FUNDS—APRIL 30th, 1936

Home Department

SCHEDULE 4

		Market Value
B	175 shares United States Treasury, 2¾% due September 15th, 1947, redeemable on or after September 15th, 1945	\$ 180.47
A	10 shares Dexter Horton Capital Stock, \$100.00 per share, Par Value .....	.....
TOTAL—to Exhibit A		\$ 180.47

Foreign Department

A	\$2,400.00 Allied Mortgages 2% to 5% Collateral Trust Series "L" of December 1st, 1953.....	\$ 1,824.00
C	\$1,000.00 Atlanta and Charlotte Air Line Railway Company, First Mortgage, 5's due July 1st, 1944	1,070.00
C	\$1,500.00 Atlantic Refining Company, Fifteen Year Debenture 5's due July 1st, 1937.....	1,575.00
B	\$1,000.00 Baltimore Transit Company, First 5's Debenture, due July 1st, 1975, Series "A".....	275.00
B	\$1,000.00 Baltimore Transit Company, First 5's Debenture, due July 1st, 1975, Series "B".....	985.00
B	\$1,000.00 Baltimore Transit Company, 4's, due July 1st, 1975.....	237.50
A	\$3,000.00 Chicago Railway, 5's Certificate of Deposit, Stamped 25% paid, due February 1st, 1927	1,608.75
A	\$1,000.00 Cincinnati, Hamilton and Dayton Railroad Company General 5's, due December 1st, 1942	1,080.00
B	\$1,500.00 Continental Bond Corporation, Guaranteed Collateral Trust Bonds, 2%-5%, 1953.....	1,140.00
D	\$500.00 Gateneau Power Company, 5%, 1956....	480.00
B	\$1,000.00 Georgia, Carolina and Northern Railway Company, First 6's, due 1934.....	290.00
B	\$1,000.00 Gulf State Steel Company, 5½'s, due June 1st, 1942.....	1,030.00
D	\$1,000.00 Koppers Gas and Coke Company, 5%, 1947	1,042.50
B	\$1,500.00 Manufacturers Finance Company, Collateral Trust Note 5's, 1938.....	1,507.50
D	\$11,000.00 United States Treasury, 4%, 1944-54....	12,399.06
D	\$7,500.00 United States Treasury, 3¼%, 1944-46	8,041.41
D	\$1,250.00 United States Treasury, 2⅞%, 1955-60	1,018.12
D	\$2,100.00 United States Treasury, 2¾%, 1945....	2,165.63
A	\$200.00 Virginia Railway Company, First 5's, due May 1st, 1962, Series "A".....	220.00
D	3 shares Aluminum Company	363.00
B	10 shares Baltimore Transit Company, First 5% Preferred	30.00
B	2 shares Baltimore Transit Company, Common, Voting Trust Certificate.....	4.25
A	10 shares Dexter Horton Estate Capital Stock, \$100.00 per share, Certificate No. 91.....	.....
TOTAL—to Exhibit A		\$38,386.72

SCHEDULE 3

PROPERTY ACCOUNTS—APRIL 30th, 1936

HOME DEPARTMENT

(Values furnished by Executive Secretary's Office, not verified by us,
No Depreciation taken)

	Book Value	Amount of Mortgage on Property
Pine Ridge School, Pine Ridge, Kentucky.....	\$100,000.00	
Emanuel Church, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.....	45,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
First Church, Columbus, Ohio.....	40,000.00	4,735.05
First Church, Seattle, Washington.....	100,000.00	
Frankfort Church, Frankfort, Indiana.....	25,000.00	1,600.00
Goss Memorial Church, Orlando, Florida.....	30,000.00	
*Grace Church Parsonage, Indianapolis, Indiana.....	4,514.42	
Grace Church, Indianapolis, Indiana.....	10,000.00	
Hancock Chapel, Hancock, Michigan.....	800.00	
Hugo Church, Hugo, Oklahoma.....	5,000.00	
Keokuk Church, Keokuk, Iowa.....	25,000.00	
Logansport Parsonage, Logansport, Indiana.....	7,500.00	
Meridian, Mississippi, Lot.....	3,000.00	
Paris Church, Paris, Texas.....	25,000.00	
Quinton Church and Parsonage, Quinton, Oklahoma.....	5,000.00	
Ravenna Parsonage, Seattle, Washington.....	7,500.00	
Ravenna Lots (New) Plot 3, Seattle, Washington.....	3,000.00	
Ravenna Park, New Church, Seattle, Washington.....	36,000.00	
San Angelo Church and Parsonage, San Angelo, Texas.....	5,000.00	
Seaview Park Church, Seattle, Washington.....	25,000.00	2,340.00
Seaview Lots and Chapel, Seattle, Washington.....	5,000.00	
Seaview Parsonage, Seattle, Washington.....	7,000.00	
Stephens Memorial Church, Kansas City, Kansas.....	40,000.00	
Taylor Memorial Church and Parsonage, Philadelphia, Penna.....	50,000.00	5,980.00
Westheight Church, Kansas City, Kansas.....	40,000.00	
Westheight Parsonage, Kansas City, Kansas.....	8,000.00	
Western Highland Lots, Kansas City, Kansas.....	4,500.00	
TOTAL—to Exhibit A	\$656,814.42	\$19,655.05

*Property leased to W. Martin Harris, Indianapolis, Indiana, on March 27th, 1931, at \$35.00 per month with option to buy for \$3,500.00.

FOREIGN DEPARTMENT

Japan	\$509,532.50
India	75,438.00
China	20,400.00
TOTAL—to Exhibit A	\$605,370.50

NOTE: The values of the properties were neither appraised nor depreciated for the purpose of this statement. Insurance policies or certificates should be obtained for all buildings and improvements. We found evidence of insurance in only four instances.

SUMMARY

Home Department	\$ 656,814.42
Foreign Department	605,370.50
TOTAL—to Exhibit A	\$1,262,184.92

SCHEDULE 6

NOTES PAYABLE—APRIL 30th, 1936

Home Department:	Rate of Interest	Amount
Board of Christian Education of the Methodist Protestant Church.....	6 %	\$ 600.00
Boyse, Fred or Alice.....	4 %	400.00
Broomfield, J. C. 5 % and	6 %	3,091.67
Brown, Ethel	6 %	168.00
Calvert Bank	5 %	472.00
Executive Committee, Preacher's Aid, Missouri Conference, c/o O. M. Toppass.....	5 %	6,000.00
Garrett, Mrs. H. A.	6 %	3,550.00
Garrett, W. B.	6 %	500.00
Hoffman, W. L.	5 %	100.00
Hopkins Place Savings Bank	5 %	1,381.89
Johnston, Nettie	6 %	952.50
Kent County Savings Bank	6 %	686.35
Lackey, Mrs. Mary C.	6 %	100.00
Lincoln-Alliance Bank and Trust Company.....	5 1/2 %	7,000.00
Lyon, John R.	6 %	200.00
Martin, Ella J.	5 %	2,000.00
McCulloch, Mary Wills	6 %	1,500.00
McCulloch, Sara	6 %	700.00
McCulloch, Reverend T. F.	6 %	500.00
Methodist Protestant Children's Home	6 %	2,685.00
Preachers' Aid Society of The Eastern Conference.....	6 %	2,000.00
Sharp, Mrs. S. M. 5 % and	6 %	500.00
Swisher, Mrs. S. A.	6 %	1,000.00
Swisher, W. O.	6 %	2,700.00
Turkelson, Reverend J. P.	6 %	3,500.00
Turkelson, Mrs. Margaret J.	5 %	500.00
Wooden, Reverend J. F.	5 %	300.00
Woodford, Reverend T. R.	6 %	800.00
TOTAL—to Exhibit A		<u>\$43,887.41</u>

Foreign Department:

Broomfield, J. C. 5 % and	6 %	8,908.33
Kent County Savings Bank	6 %	168.65
Lackey, Mr. and Mrs. Henry	6 %	300.00
Preachers' Aid Society, Eastern Conference	6 %	6,000.00
Turkelson, Mrs. M. J.	5 %	1,000.00
Women's Missionary Society, Fowlerton, Indiana	5 %	400.00
Wooden, Reverend J. F.	5 %	300.00

TOTAL—to Exhibit A \$17,076.98

SUMMARY

Home Department	\$ 43,887.41
Foreign Department	17,076.98
TOTAL—to Exhibit A	<u>\$ 60,964.39</u>

All amounts confirmed by Correspondence except Ethel Brown.

General (Undesignated)

		Market Value
E	\$1,000.00 Eastern Gas and Fuel Associates, First Mortgage, Collateral Trust, Series "A", 4%, due March 1st, 1956.....	\$ 921.67
E	\$2,000.00 Federal Land Banks Consolidated, 3%, due May 1st, 1956, Optional May 1st, 1946.....	2,005.00
E	\$1,000.00 Saguenay Power Company, Ltd., First Mortgage, Series "A", 4¼% Bonds, April 1st, 1966	1,003.54
B	\$1,125.00 United States Treasury, 2¾%, due September 15th, 1947, redeemable on or after September 15th, 1945.....	1,160.15
D	\$1,500.00 United States Treasury 2⅞%	1,761.61
E	\$2,000.00 Wheeling Steel Corporation, First Mortgage Sinking Fund, 4½% Series "A", due February 1st, 1966.....	2,012.50
TOTAL—to Exhibit A		\$ 8,864.47

A—Examined in Safe Deposit Box.

B—Examined in Board of Missions Office.

C—Confirmed by Hopkins Place Savings Bank as Collateral on loan.

D—Confirmed by Rev. J. W. Hawley, President, Board of Missions, Pittsburgh, as being held by him.

E—Confirmed by Baker-Watts and Company. To be delivered.

MORTGAGES PAYABLE—APRIL 30th, 1936**Home Department****SCHEDULE 5**

Emanuel Church, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania Miss Nora R. Ohl, 826 St. Bernard Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania	\$ 5,000.00c
First Methodist Protestant Church Parsonage, Columbus, Ohio The Buckeye State Building and Loan Company.....	4,735.05c
Frankfort Church, Frankfort, Indiana Peoples Life Insurance Company, at 6%	1,600.00c
Seaview Park Church, Seattle, Washington Washington Mutual Savings Bank, Special Loan No. 37193 at 6½%	2,340.00c
Taylor Memorial Methodist Protestant Church, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania North Philadelphia Trust Company.....	5,980.00
TOTAL—to Exhibit A	\$19,655.05

c—Confirmed by Correspondence.

Second Quadrennial Report

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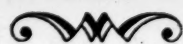
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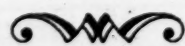
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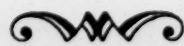


To the General Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church in its twenty-seventh Quadrennial Session, High Point, North Carolina. May 20, 1936.



For the Quadrennium

MAY 1, 1932 to APRIL 30, 1936



REV. F. L. GIBBS, M. A., S. T. B.,
Associate Executive Secretary

BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

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SCHEDULE 7

ANNUITY BONDS—APRIL 30th, 1936

Home Department:

Allender, Ida M.	7 %	\$ 100.00	
	6 %	500.00	\$ 600.00c
Bandelier, Etta J.	6 %		100.00c
Benjamin, Mrs. M. E.	6 %		100.00c
Dye, Mr. and Mrs. C. A.	5 1/2 %	1,250.00	
	6 %	1,250.00	2,500.00c
Everett, Mrs. M. O.	5 %		600.00c
Heininger, Mrs. S.	6 %	300.00	
	7 %	200.00	500.00c
Hoge, H. L.	6 %	1,000.00	
	7 %	1,000.00	2,000.00c
Mullineaux, Mrs. Rose T.	7 %		2,000.00c
Prouty, Russell	7 %		500.00c
Shields, M. L. and Mollie	7 %		11,000.00c
Squires, Cora B.	7 %		250.00c
Stoneking, Helen D.	6 %		500.00c

TOTAL—to Exhibit A \$20,650.00

Foreign Department:

Bandelier, Etta J.	6 %		100.00c
Crawford, Mrs. J. J.	6 %		400.00c
Heininger, Mrs. S.	6 %		500.00c
Hoge, H. L.	6 %	1,000.00	
	7 %	1,000.00	2,000.00c
Hunsdon, Mrs. Imogene P.	6 %	500.00	
	7 1/2 %	500.00	1,000.00c
Mullineaux, Rose T.	6 %		2,000.00c
Prouty, Russell	7 %		500.00c
Shields, M. L. and Mollie	7 %	4,000.00	
	6 %	12,000.00	16,000.00c
Stoneking, Mrs. Helen D.	6 %		500.00c
Ward, John W.	6 %		800.00c

TOTAL—to Exhibit A \$23,800.00

General—Undesignated:

Buker, Olive May	6 %		200.00c
Ferguson, Lottie L.	3 1/2 %		3,000.00c
Hitchcock, Mrs. Clara	6 %		1,000.00c
Hunsdon, Mrs. Imogene P.	7 1/2 %		500.00c
Mullineaux, Mrs. Rose T.	6 %		1,000.00c
Shields, M. L. and Mollie	6 %		3,000.00c
Stevens, Mrs. Nannie I.	6 %		200.00c

TOTAL—to Exhibit A \$ 8,900.00

GRAND TOTAL—to Exhibit A \$53,350.00

c—Confirmed by Correspondence.

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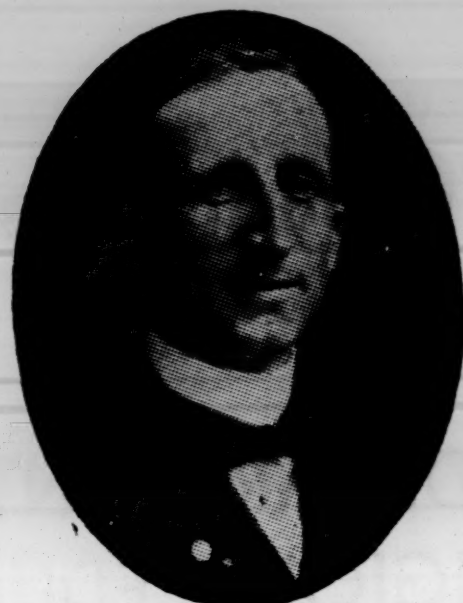
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REV. CHARLES HENRY HUBBELL, D.D.,
1872 - 1914

"Friend of Man—workman of God"

First Executive Secretary—Board of Young People's Work

Rev. Charles Henry Hubbell, D.D., 1872 - 1914

"The Board of Young People's Work was organized at the Pittsburgh General Conference in May, 1908, and Rev. Charles Henry Hubbell, D.D., of Sainted memory, was elected its first Secretary. He, with the backing of a good Board, was given the privilege of going out and making a place for the Board in the Methodist Protestant Church. He laughed at difficulties and smiled his way into the hearts of Methodist Protestants everywhere. His name is still a household word among Methodist Protestants, and he is still familiarly known as "Sunshine Hubbell." He knew no defeat, hence accomplished the "impossible" and made a place for the Board of Young People's Work in the Methodist Protestant Church which would rejoice his heart today were he living to see the place it now occupies. Surely, from the happy home above, God gives him the privilege of seeing and knowing how the work he so nobly begun is moving on." (From report to General Conference, 1920.)

EXECUTIVE SECRETARIES

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REV. LAWRENCE LITTLE, D.D.	1926-32
REV. F. L. GIBBS	1932

minimum; we believe you will come to appreciate the magnitude of the task which has been ours.

Conference Councils of Religious Education

We now have twenty-three organizations. Practically all are using the plan suggested in the Discipline. The purpose of this organization, as stated, "shall be to promote the denominational program of Religious Education as proposed and endorsed by the Board of Christian Education of the Methodist Protestant Church. To coordinate more closely that program with the activities of the local church and to seek through education and training the extension of the Christian religion.

It is through these conference units that opportunity is provided for the planning and promoting of a total program of Christian Education. Such collaboration of effort has made it possible for our church to move forward as a unit in such projects as Summer Conferences, the new United Youth Program, Young People's Day, Regional Conventions, etc.

Due to the fact that the work of these Councils is carried on by busy pastors and other volunteer leaders, it means that much assistance must be given from our office in the way of printed materials, field work, counselling, etc.

To further aid our council leaders, we have issued periodically the Methodist Protestant Councillor.

OUR YOUTH PROGRAM

Christian religious education is concerned with all ages and every phase of local church work. There are special projects, however, which have to do with adolescent youth twelve to twenty-four years of age.

Life Service Declarations

The challenge to consecrate life to His service has been presented to youth with the following yearly results:

Year	1932	1933	1934	1935	Total
Life Service Declarations	856	1101	1119	926	4002

The total for the four preceding years was 2486. The above figure shows an increase over that period of 1516.

We have followed these up in every possible way. Their names and addresses have been sent to college presidents and Conference Councils with the earnest request that everything possible be done to help these young people realize their spiritual goal in life. One could not expect all of these to remain faithful, but today many are found holding places of responsible leadership in local churches or pursuing further training in higher educational institutions.

Young People's Day

The General Conference of 1932 authorized Young People's Day as one of the major special days. This day, which had a humble beginning, during the past quadrennium, has continued to grow in favor with many of our churches. Not merely because it serves as a means to raise money for World Service, but primarily because of the spiritual message which it contains and the opportunity afforded youth to share in a definite way in the program of the local church. Handicapped by being a new day in the denominational year and having the misfortune of coming when the weather has been extremely unfavorable, the following comparison shows something of the increased receipts over the four preceding years:

Young People's Day Receipts, 1929-32.....	\$ 4,844.87
Young People's Day Receipts, 1933-36.....	10,572.79

**DEPARTMENT OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
OF THE
BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION
TO THE
GENERAL CONFERENCE OF THE METHODIST PROTESTANT
CHURCH
FOR THE QUADRENNIUM
MAY 1, 1932 to APRIL 30, 1936**

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE
GENERAL CONFERENCE OF THE METHODIST PROTESTANT CHURCH.

Dear Friends of Youth:

By action of the General Conference of 1928 the "Board of Young People's Work" and the "Board of Education" became the "Department of Religious Education" and the "Department of Educational Institutions," respectively, of the Board of Christian Education. This is the second quadrennial report of the Department of Religious Education, as succeeding the former Board of Young People's Work.

Function of the Department of Religious Education

The function of the Department as set forth in the constitution is interpreted to include all Christian Education activities "as carried forward by the Leadership Training Schools, Sunday Schools, Christian Endeavor Societies, young people's conferences, and similar agencies." The Board has the power to organize annual Conference Councils of Religious Education and supervise their activities. Annual Conference Councils of Religious Education are to be organized in the various conference districts. Therefore, the Board of Christian Education, through this department, is committed one of the most challenging tasks confronting our church today.

This report is, in brief, an effort to set forth the effectiveness with which this trust has been fulfilled within the limits of time, leadership, and financial resources available.

Personnel of the Department of Religious Education

During the preceding quadrennium, there was provided for our Department of work, an Executive Secretary, who had a part time relationship for certain periods, a full time Associate Secretary, and Office Assistant. Due to the economic depression and other reasons, our staff of workers for this quadrennium has been reduced to one Executive, with only an Office Assistant.

Miss Sallie Bett Barnhill, who served as office assistant from September, 1930, left our work October 4, 1935, to become the bride of Rev. E. A. Lamb. During the five years Mrs. Lamb rendered valuable assistance. October 4, 1935, Miss Bettie M. Brown, a member of our First Church S. S., Pittsburgh, Pa., became the Office Assistant. Miss Brown has applied herself in an excellent way and has become a very valuable helper.

As you read the thrilling account of our program which has been expanded in every direction on greatly reduced World Service receipts; and with a staff personnel reduced to an embarrassing

been distributed to all the delegates. The findings, compiled by outstanding leaders, are set forth below.

BUILDING A CHRISTIAN PERSON

Rev. J. C. Broomfield, D.D.

The Christian person is a new creation in Christ Jesus; begun in the new birth, and continued, in the normal processes of growth in grace.

This new person will have a vital Christian experience; a strong faith in the Reality, Availability, and Adequacy of God; a Christian philosophy of life, which will determine his attitude toward himself, toward things, toward others, and toward God; and a Christian hope for the world based on the scriptural promise of the ultimate triumph of righteousness.

The new person will deny himself the right to rule his own life; will accept doing the will of God as his major objective; and will follow Christ wherever He leads.

Out of such persons, and by such persons, a Christian order can be established, and a new world built.

We place ourselves on record as favoring every worthy effort to secure an open commitment of the individual to Christ; and every worthy agency used in building the individual into the fullness of the stature of the man, Christ Jesus.

BUILDING A CHRISTIAN HOME

Dr. C. E. Forlines

1. **Its Nature.** Neither a family without a dwelling place, nor a house without an occupant, is a home. A family in its dwelling place constitutes a home. For the home to be Christian the members of the family must be Christian. Certainly, this, but it is not enough. Good materials do not necessarily guarantee a good building. The good materials must be suitably related. Though all the members of a family be Christian, this does not constitute a Christian home. The thought that it does is one of the great defects of our modern homes. If the home is to be Christian, the family as a family must engage in Christian worship and service.

2. **Its Characteristics.** The Christian home is grounded in Christian marriage. Such marriage is a civil contract and as such should be entered into under the official act of a Christian minister. But Christian marriage is much more than a civil contract. It is an act of God joining together in holy wedlock a Christian man and a Christian woman. **Beauty** is a second characteristic of the Christian home. Beauty is the revelation of an ideal in the real. The high Christian ideals for the home as they are realized in the actual home make it beautiful. **Faith** is a third characteristic. This involves mutual understanding, mutual trust, and mutual loyalty. A fourth characteristic is **love**. For the implications of love read the thirteenth chapter of First Corinthians.

3. **Its Dwelling Place.** It should be a good building, well furnished, and suitably located. It should be in a good community—a community made up of other Christian homes, Christian churches, schools, and industries—a community which recognizes that its chief business is the rearing of children into Christian persons and which is devoting all its energies to the realizing of that great end.

BUILDING A CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Rev. F. W. Stephenson, D.D.

We can build a better church only through a spiritual revitalizing of the body of believers. This will be achieved when it is more perfectly constructed on the foundation of the New Testament and Peter's inspired confession; when our services of worship are more carefully planned; when our leaders and teachers are more adequately trained; when our teaching and evangelism are lifted to higher levels; when our message, fellowship and ministry are so developed that they not only do something to individuals and society but they do something for them; and when such service projects are undertaken that opportunity will be given to manifest and express true Christian attitudes and beliefs.

Such a church will reveal to a confused and troubled world the actual ideals of the Christian way. It will create a faith in Christ which will find expression in His way of living.

BUILDING A CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY

Rev. J. W. Hawley, D.D.

The very term "Christian Community" defines our goal, and suggests a Christian purpose that, when we have discovered the needs of our community, will do something about it.

If a more suitable time of the year could be found for Young People's Day, it would soon be second to none in receipts and usefulness in our denominational program.

Christian Endeavor

Junior, Intermediate, and Young People's Societies number 1207 with 33,127 members. Aside from the work in our Sunday Schools, this organization reaches more of our young people than any other.

We have provided Christian Endeavor organizing material. In the early part of the quadrennium, edited the Christian Endeavor page of the Methodist Protestant-Recorder. For the past three years this has been ably done by Rev. R. W. White. This page is the only weekly treatment of the Christian Endeavor topic available for our young people's societies since the Christian Endeavor World became a quarterly.

Although many changes have come in the Christian Endeavor movement it continues to be one of the greatest forces for the enlistment and training of young people for Christ and the church. Of outstanding significance was the International Convention of Christian Endeavor held in Philadelphia the first week in July, 1935. We were well represented in this convention, at which time a denominational banquet was arranged. Christian Endeavor is one of the agencies cooperating in the New United Youth Movement.

New United Youth Movement—Christian Youth Building a New World

Of outstanding significance during the past four years has been the development in cooperative Protestantism, a united youth movement entitled "Christian Youth Building a New World." We have shared in the planning and promotion of the movement by attending interdenominational conferences and committee meetings. We had our full quota of delegates in the Youth Conference at Lake Geneva. For two years now we have used themes and materials for our Young People's Day correlated with this movement. We have sponsored five regional conventions in which our entire denominational program was studied in its relation to "Christian Youth Building a New World."

Five Regional Conventions

These conventions were held as follows. EAST—Baltimore, Maryland, May 22-24; SOUTH—High Point, North Carolina (college), May 29-31; SOUTHWEST—Grayson, Louisiana, June 1-4; WEST—Illinois Conference Grounds, Lewistown, Illinois, June 5-7; MIDWEST—Ohio Conference Grounds, Sabina, Ohio, June 12-14.

The theme "Our Share in Building a Christian World" was used and each Convention was divided into seven commissions, studying seven topics; Building a Christian Person, Home, Church, Community, Nation and World. We also had a commission for youth leaders and one on Leadership Education.

The addresses, worship services, and commission meetings inspired our leaders and young people to undertake in a vital way the task of making their own lives genuinely Christian and to share in the Building of a Christian World.

The cost of this entire enterprise, commanding outstanding interdenominational leaders and involving about 200 of our own workers, was financed entirely upon gifts and registration fees.

About 1,000 older young people and leaders from all of our conferences, except one, participated in a definite way. Mimeographed copies of the findings and a souvenir worship booklet have

An Integrated Youth Program

As we have shared in developing the United Youth program with other denominations, we have been invited to participate in a Youth Curriculum Conference which has as its objective an integrated youth program. Our first meeting was held at Cleveland, Ohio, April 20 to 24, 1936, where the construction of such a program was started after much preliminary study and preparation had been made.

"Reaching the Unreached"

According to a letter from Mr. Russell Colgate, President of the Board of Trustees, International Council of Religious Education, there are in the United States today about fifteen millions of youth between the ages of 12-24, who are not being reached by religious training whether it be Protestant, Jew, or Catholic. To foster this extension program to "reach the unreached," the National Protestant Laymen's Commission on Christian character building, has been organized with Mr. Colgate as chairman. Plans are being slowly and carefully made in order to enlist the laymen and others of the Protestant world in the cause of reaching the millions of unreached youth. While in Chicago, I attended a meeting in which the possibilities of this movement were reviewed. The need was so apparent and the challenge so great, I am thoroughly convinced that our Board, entrusted with the youth program of a great church, should share to the limit of its personnel and resources in reaching the unreached of our communities and should enlarge and enrich our present youth program in order to properly minister to those already reached.

In promoting our youth program much printed material has been necessary. We have secured most of this in cooperation with other agencies and in many cases, with our own denominational imprint.

OUR PROGRAM OF LEADERSHIP EDUCATION

The most outstanding development in our program of Christian Education has been the progress made in the field of Leadership Education.

Development of Curricula

When the quadrennium began the twelve old denominational units were being used. These were replaced by the denominational youth curriculum. The Standard Leadership curriculum was authorized for use in 1928. In 1935 our Board authorized the use of the First Series courses of the New Standard Curriculum; and beginning with January, 1936, the Second Series courses of the new curriculum were authorized. Therefore, the First and Second Series courses now take the place of all existing curricula used in summer conferences and local churches.

The outstanding features of the new curriculum follow:

(1) Leadership Education is a part of the program of the local church and can be carried forward in a variety of ways.

(2) It provides seven major groups of courses with four series touching the seven groups. Each of these series is designed to serve a certain need and it is possible for a student to make progress from one series to another.

(3) The First Series courses are elementary in nature and will meet a long felt need in our church which was not met by the old Standard courses.

As Christians we must promote a social life in which the spirit of Christ prevails in every human relation. That the church is confronted with this responsibility is an unquestioned fact.

Some of the immediate tasks which present themselves to us are as follows: A careful survey to discover the actual conditions which prevail and our opportunities for helpful and cooperative service.

The creation of a wholesome social life through directed activities and the provision of Christian entertainment.

The elimination of undirected idleness through the employment of Christian leaders to supervise the social life of the community as a unit.

The purification of the movies by public opinion and legislative acts.

A cooperative relationship between the church and the school by which morals and temperance are taught daily.

The mutual sharing of all privileges and resources by all groups overcoming racial discrimination, sectarian rivalry, and the inequitable distribution of wealth, natural resources, and opportunities.

BUILDING A CHRISTIAN NATION AND WORLD

Bettie S. Brittingham

Let us recognize that, calling ourselves Christian, we have not built a Christian nation or world. We believe that Christ's idea of the Kingdom of God is the only hope of the world in its total life, social, economic, industrial, and the missionary enterprise is a contribution to that hope. As Methodist Protestants we can assist in this work by carrying out our denominational program through all departments of the church. We deplore the fact that added leisure has lead to increased drinking and crime, therefore we recommend that we use our influence in establishing reading rooms and providing wholesome social and recreational contact. We are eager that all races have equal opportunity and that there be a just distribution of the means of living. We recognize the importance of developing a peace consciousness. We believe that this is essential in abolishing war among the nations, and this can be done only as the individual practices the teaching of the Prince of Peace.

TRAINING YOUTH LEADERS

Dr. P. E. Lindley

All commissions on "Youth Leaders" were at one in emphasizing the constant need of vital spirituality in the lives of the leaders themselves. Definite plans for devotion, meditation, and personal growth are everywhere to be encouraged. Dignity and high purpose are to characterize the leader; a love for people and a passion for service being at the center of his thought. Confusion and discord have no place among those who march at the forefront of youth, but a fuller understanding of the actual nature and needs of growing life is by all means imperative. It is affirmed that youth will yield to the impressive, the real, and the beautiful, finding the highest possible pleasures in a devotion to the highest interests of life. Ways must be found to attract the ablest among them, and techniques devised to motivate their work. Organizational machinery will have to be more adequate in order to make effective a rich, comprehensive, yet flexible, program for young people. The mind of Christ is to be interpreted in all human relationships and definite conditions provided to make effectual such attitudes as neighborliness, good will, and world peace. All local plans are to be integrated with the ongoing program of the whole denomination.

CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP EDUCATION

Rev. Lawrence Little, D.D.

The relation between leadership education and the task of building a Christian world is most intimate and vital, and we would place primary emphasis upon our need for a more effective leadership in the work of the church. Just as our Master spent much time and energy in training his disciples, so must the present-day Christian Church seek to better prepare those who are called to places of responsibility. The importance of an adequately trained leadership in the educational work of the Church is increasingly recognized, but as yet the making of an adequate leadership training program is only in process. Because of the changing demands of life, no curriculum can be considered perfect or final. We have used the Standard Leadership Training Curriculum sufficiently long now so that we have discovered many of its weak, as well as its strong points, and we would suggest more extensive experimentation with the other types of curricula. We would recommend that our Board of Christian Education continue to support the International Council of Religious Education in its effort to build a more adequate program of leadership education and that increasing use be made of the new First Series and Second Series courses.

1936 Summer Conference Series

During the coming summer all of our 31 schools will use the courses of the First and Second Series of the new curriculum. Our goal is 4,000 students.

The following gives the date, conference, and location of each school:

Date	Conference	Location
June 1-7.....	Kentucky	Alvan Drew School, Pine Ridge, Ky.
June 8-13.....	Missouri	Ionia, Mo.
June 15-21.....	Iowa-Missouri	Keokuk, Iowa
June 21-25.....	West Virginia.....	Jackson's Mill, Weston, W. Va.
June 22-28.....	Indiana	M. P. Camp, Marion, Ind.
June 23-28.....	Christian Youth Conference	Lakeside, Ohio
June 29-July 4....	North Carolina....	High Point College, High Point, N. C.
June 29-July 5....	Illinois	M. P. Camp, Lewistown, Ill.
July 6-11.....	Alabama (central)	Robinson's Springs, near Montgomery, Ala.
July 6-11.....	Arkansas (South)	Haynesville, La.
July 6-11.....	Eastern	Indian Hill Camp, Jobstown, N. J.
July 6-11.....	Onondaga	Lake View Camp, Lycoming, N. Y.
July 6-11.....	South Carolina....	Dunn Chapel, 7 mi. w. Columbia, S. C.
July 13-18.....	Alabama (South)	Brownsville, Ala.
July 13-18.....	Arkansas (North)	Wright's Chapel, nr. Piggott, Ark.
July 13-18.....	Ft. Smith-Okla. (South)	Idabel, Okla.
July 13-19.....	Georgia	M. P. Camp, Decatur, Ga. Route 1
July 12-19.....	Pittsburgh (1st week).....	Ridgeview Park, Pa.
July 19-26.....	Pittsburgh (2nd week).....	Ridgeview Park, Pa.
July 20-27.....	Mississippi	Clara, Miss.
July 20-27.....	Ft. Smith-Okla. (North)	Sycamore Chapel, near Wyandotte, Okla.
July 20-26.....	Ohio (1st week)...	M. P. Camp, Sabina, Ohio
July 27-Aug. 2....	Ohio (2nd week) ..	M. P. Camp, Sabina, Ohio
July 27-Aug. 2....	Louisiana	M. P. Camp, Chatham, La.
July 27-Aug. 2....	Ft. Smith-Okla. (East)	Fort Smith, Ark.
July 27-Aug. 2....	Maryland	W. M. C., Westminster, Md.
August 3-8.....	Texas (West).....	San Angelo, Texas
August 3-9.....	Ft. Smith-Okla. (West)	Prague, Okla.
August 10-15.....	Texhoma	New Hope Church
August 10-15.....	Texas	Dallas Camp, Dallas, Texas
August 17-23.....	Michigan	Midland Park, Gull Lake, Augusta, Mich.
August 18-23.....	Kansas	Gordon Place Church, Kansas City, Kans.

(4) Second Series courses are provided for persons who have a definite interest in Leadership Training and correspond in many respects to the old Standard curriculum. The Third and Fourth Series courses have not yet been released.

(5) Leader's guides have been provided for practically all courses, which give much needed help and guidance for the instructor in the preparation of his course, thereby taking away much of the old difficulty of accrediting instructors.

(6) Certificates of Progress for the First and Second Series courses are provided for students meeting not only the required units, but experience in church relationship, religious growth, leadership experience, education growth, etc.

Growth of Summer Conference Leadership Training Schools 1932-35

During the past eight years there has been a phenomenal growth in our summer conference leadership training program. The growth during this quadrennium is revealed by the following comparison:

	1932	1933	1934	1935	Totals
Schools	20	24	28	31	103
Students	2,005	2,534	2,994	3,005	10,538
Graduates	117	262	201	332	912
Popular Attendance	10,747	12,833	11,492	12,217	47,289

"COME — LEARN"

(Appropriate for those who work with Him in the learning—teaching process.)

"Come—Learn!"

So said my Lord to me!
And long I tarried in His school,
That I His truth might see.

"Come—Learn!"

I cried at length, "How long?"
And then with tenderness He said,
"Till you learn strength and song!"

"Go—Teach!"

Again his word came swift—
And I awoke from dreams to deeds,
To tell men of His gift!

"Go—Teach!"

And thus His love proclaim,
O'er earth and sea, to man and child,
In every age the same!

"Learn—Teach!"

The cycle endless is!
The more I learn, the more I teach;
The glory ever His!

—Ernest Bournier Allen.

"From 'Go—Teach,' the Official Report of the Quadrennial Convention of the International Council of Religious Education, Toronto, June 23-29, 1930."

Recognition for Standards Maintained

In a letter addressed to me from Dr. F. L. Knapp under date of January 9, 1936, we were recognized as having met all requirements of the New Standard Leadership Curriculum. The letter is as follows:

"In February, 1934, the International Council took the following action:

'That the Director of Leadership Training of the International Council be authorized to prepare and issue course cards and certificates of progress which will represent both the International Council and those denominations which do not wish to award a second certificate for work completed in interdenominational schools, it being understood that these certificates and diplomas may be used by those denominations which are authorized by the Director of Leadership Training to use them after the examination of their work has shown that they maintain the Interdenominational Council standards for leadership training.'

On the basis of this action, you are authorized to use the name of the International Council on First and Second Series course cards which you issue for work completed in harmony with the standards of the International Council as stated in Educational Bulletin Nos. 501 and 502."

Other Departments of Work

Due to our limited personnel and the time demanded for "Our Youth Program" and "Leadership Education" it has been impossible to give much time to other departments of work. We have, however, provided through out training courses, the circulating library, and through voluntary departmental directors of Conference Councils, the best and latest helps in children's work, adult work, dramatics, vacation church schools, etc.

Cooperation with other Agencies

Requiring much time and no little expense to us, we have maintained on our addressograph files an up to date mailing list for all other Boards and Departments, and addressed thousands of envelopes for special days, etc.

Wherever we have come in contact with prospective students in our youth groups, we have endeavored to turn them toward our own educational institutions. In this way a certain amount of cooperation has been achieved with the Department of Educational Institutions.

In cooperation with the Board of Missions, which touches our promotional work both in Summer Conferences and the local church, much has been done to correlate Missionary and Christian Education. Missionary courses are now taught in most of our Summer Conferences and local schools by missionary executives, returned missionaries, and leaders of local Branches. Through courses, missionary addresses, plays, etc., our young people and adults are becoming more missionary minded through this united effort.

In cooperation with Interdenominational agencies the following memberships have been maintained: Executive Committee of the International Council of Religious Education; the following Professional Advisory Sections of the I. C. R. E., Young People's, Leadership Training, and National Executives; Trustee of the International

New Camps and Equipment

Georgia and Louisiana have secured locations and built camps of their own during this quadrennium. Indiana, Illinois, Onondaga, Ohio, and Michigan continue to meet at their own conference camps which have been, in most cases, greatly improved. West Virginia and Pittsburgh rent beautiful camps. Mississippi, Maryland, North Carolina, Kentucky, and Texas use institutions. Texas has secured a camp near Dallas for 1936. Other conferences have started camp funds and look forward to the time of owning a camp of their own.

Local Schools, Classes, and Correspondence Work

Due to the changes in the new curriculum it is now possible for many of our churches to organize and conduct schools and classes in the local church and community. During the quadrennium 195 schools and classes were held and 2520 students received credit. 169 students finished units through correspondence. This field holds unlimited possibilities for our local churches.

Accredited Instructors and Deans

At the beginning of the quadrennium we had 105 instructors accredited to teach 185 courses in only thirteen conference districts. We now have 174 instructors accredited to teach 533 courses in 22 districts. The following gives the number of deans and instructors accredited at the present time:

Conference	Deans	Inst.	Conference	Deans	Inst.
Alabama	2	6	Maryland	13	32
Arkansas	2	3	Michigan	2	10
Eastern	3	3	Mississippi	2	6
Ft. Smith-Okla.....	1	1	Missouri	2	5
Georgia	1	2	North Carolina.....	20	30
Illinois	2	4	Ohio	5	14
Indiana	4	6	Onondaga	1	2
Iowa-Missouri	3	4	Pittsburgh	9	19
Kansas	1	3	Texas	3	6
Kentucky	1	3	West Virginia.....	7	10
Louisiana	1	3	Washington Mission....	1	2
				86	174

Standard Leadership Training Units Awarded Methodist Protestants From 1928 to 1935, inclusive

Year	Credits	Year	Credits
1928	809	1932	1956
1929	1063	1933	2580
1930	1082	1934	2924
1931	1651	1935	4421
Total past Quad.....	4605	Total this Quad.....	11,881

113 Standard First Series units were included in 1934; 1617 in 1935.

Denominational Young People's Units

9094 were issued during this quadrennium making a grand total of 20,975 units handled through our office and certified to conference councils.

office accounts, show marvelous returns. *A greater program means increased promotional receipts and incidentally more work.*

In Conclusion—A Prayer

Oh God, for Thy guidance and help during these years, we thank Thee! Keep us humble as we recount through inadequate words Thy achievements through us in sacred things. We face the future, very weak in our own strength. The need is great. 15,000,000 unreached youth need Christian training. Those reached need further Christian nurture. Help us, our Lord, to open wider the door of Thy Kingdom for Children and Youth. May this door never close. Amen.

Respectfully submitted,

F. L. GIBBS,
Associate Executive Secretary.

Society of Christian Endeavor representing Young People's Work; Allegheny Sabbath School Board; the United Staff of Pennsylvania Sabbath School Association, etc.

In an effort to share in the responsibilities and opportunities of Interdenominational cooperation, I have been called upon frequently for field engagements, committee meetings, etc. We have benefitted most through the cooperation in our "Youth Program" and "Leadership Education."

Denominational Curriculum Committee

This committee was authorized by the General Conference of 1928 for the purpose of studying the curricula of all of our educational organizations and institutions and to make recommendations to the various boards engaged in educational activities, particularly to the Boards of Christian Education and Publication. The Committee has been handicapped in its work for lack of funds. It has, however, held meetings during the quadrennium. Special consideration has been given to an adequate conference course of study, textbooks for leadership training courses, and new curriculum changes occasioned by the new program of Leadership Education.

The following now constitute the committee: Rev. Crates S. Johnson, D.D., Chairman; Rev. F. L. Gibbs, Secretary; Mrs. H. W. Maier; Miss Bettie S. Brittingham; Mrs. S. W. Rosenberger; Rev. F. W. Stephenson, D.D.; and Rev. F. L. Shaffer.

Miscellaneous Activities

The expansion of our work along with reduction in personnel has greatly increased the burden of office detail work. Such activities as the following have brought heavy demands: increased volume of correspondence; accreditation of instructors and deans; assistance in setting up an increased number of Summer conferences and winter schools; supplying all books for schools on both rental and sales basis; filling engagements both on Sunday and week days; traveling and working in the field about five months out of each year; editorial assistance; handling courses through correspondence; cooperating with other agencies in building the new Leadership Training Curriculum and new United Youth Program; preparing worship booklets for summer conferences; publishing the Councillor; handling details of Conventions, exhibits and Christian Education coaching conferences; organizing and supervising the work of Conference Councils; promotion of Young People's Day; maintaining the denominational mailing list on our addressograph files and addressing thousands of letters for other Boards and agencies; entering 20,975 credits upon our permanent files and certifying same to Conference Councils; assisting local church workers through correspondence with their problems, etc.

The fact that 89,083 pieces of mail were handled through our office gives some idea of the immense amount of correspondence the work of our office requires.

Financial Situation

The deplorable financial situation caused by decreased World Service receipts has caused much concern. During the past quadrennium the World Service budget distribution for this department amounted to \$32,191.87 as compared to only (\$16,422.25) for this quadrennium. The secret of balancing our budget under such circumstances lies in the fact that our promotional receipts, as per our